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Tory candidate is criticised by Judge

THE political future of the Welsh Conservative Party's candidate for the next Assembly election is in doubt after a furious Crown Court Judge, Stephen Hopkins QC told him that he had "sabotaged" a rape trial.

It has been reported that Ross England, who stood in the Vale of Glamorgan in 2016,

losing to Labour's Jane Hutt, angered Judge Hopkins when giving evidence in a rape trial 18 months ago, in April 2018.

It was reported that Mr England, in his evidence, spoke about the victim's sexual history - when both defence and prosecution teams had agreed that such evidence would not be admitted.

As a result, Judge Hopkins said he had no option but to halt the proceedings and order a retrial.

At that retrial, James Hackett, 31, from Kingston-upon-Thames, was found guilty on a majority verdict and jailed for five years.

None of this could be reported until the case involving Mr Hackett was resolved.

Mr Hackett had launched an appeal, but that has now been turned down.

Ross England's candidacy for the Vale of Glamorgan in the Assembly was endorsed by Vale MP Alun Cairns.

The GEM asked Mr Cairns' office to comment, and a spokesperson for him said: "Mr Cairns received no communication at any point from the court regarding this case."

"This is a matter for the individual as he was not employed by Mr Cairns at the point of case collapse or at his subsequent selection."

A WELSH performer who triumphed in Llangollen impressed the crowds at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod.

Jodi Bird, aged 21, from Penarth, who won International Voice of Musical Theatre 2019 at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod this year, flew to Australia last week to perform as part of her prize.

The former Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupil sang on the stage of the Royal International Pavilion and won the global title, £1,500 prize money and the opportunity to perform at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod in Australia.

Jodi recently travelled Down Under with her dad, Frank, to take part in the Gold Coast Musicales on October 18, which showcased an array of music, dance and vocal performances.

The trip was funded by the Gold Coast Eisteddfod to promote international harmony

and to acknowledge the outstanding musical talent showcased in Llangollen.

Jodi wowed the audience with her award-winning vocal talent with two iconic songs from musical theatre, 'Don't Rain on my Parade' which featured in Funny Girl and 'I Dreamed a Dream' from the classic Les Misérables.

She returned to the stage in the second act to conclude her Australian stage debut with two powerful solos, 'Defying Gravity' from Wicked and memorable a rendition of 'Don't Cry for Me, Argentina'.

Jodi said: "I've really enjoyed exploring the Gold Coast with my dad. We've had some great activities including kayaking and watching a fabulous show called Suave at the Pink Flamingo."

"It has been such an honour to represent Wales on an international level. I

am so grateful for the opportunity to perform some of my favourite musical theatre solos and I hope people enjoyed the evening."

The Gold Coast Eisteddfod features more than 70,000 singers and dancers, 330 bands and orchestras, 175 choirs, almost 1,500 dance groups and 3,000 solo dancers.

The festival provides opportunities for young performers from around the world in a friendly and lively atmosphere.

Judith Ferber, the Gold Coast Eisteddfod's general manager, said: "Jodi's performances were fantastic and a great addition to our Musicales. We're so pleased she won at Llangollen and was given the chance to sing here."

The Llangollen Eisteddfod's artistic director, Dr Edward Rhys-Harry, added: "Jodi gave a beautifully strong performance in Llangollen

for International Voice of Musical Theatre this year.

"We're very pleased to hear she's enjoying her time at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod."

"Achieving this renowned accolade and having the opportunity to perform internationally inspires exciting musical careers. We're delighted to give individuals the chance to showcase their talent in Llangollen and with our friends in Australia."



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Double standards on carpet

I UNDERSTAND that Barry Town Council object to the newly laid carpet at The Sir Samuel Romilly on the grounds that it is disrespectful that patrons have to walk on the Barry Town crest when going to the bar or the toilets.

How do they explain then, the carpet in the Barry Town Mayor's parlour – which has the same crest woven all over it? No one can avoid walking on the crest pattern there, so is that also considered disrespectful?

Barry Town Council: I'm sure you have far more important issues to resolve – attracting more business to Holton Road, for example!

Lynnette Jones, Rhosce.

An Alice view of Brexit

SO now it is Parliament that is a stranglehold on democracy. Used to be the EU – all a bit Alice in Wonderland, but interesting to see the Boris-view of history.

We were told it was Parliament that would 'take back control'. Now seems we were mistaken. Apparently, it was the egotistical will of the Prime Minister and his cohort Dominic Cummings that was meant all the time.

This very evenly split Parliament represents pretty exactly a very evenly split nation. The Referendum to leave the EU was won by a tiny majority of just three-point-something per cent; fewer than four people in every 100.

Yet it is still paraded as the 'Will of the People'. It is the 'Will of Half the People'. This is not a game of football where one goal, one million, decides the outcome for all time against all opposition. It is a mature democracy where MPs who represent the people need to find a way through the tangled morass Brexit has become.

It is not a time for a General Election. A general election is about party politics and Brexit has nothing to do with party politics. Both major parties are deeply split within themselves – we need something that can be put to the people so that we know if we are to be in or out.

Then we can have a general election to decide if, whichever way forward is decided, we will have it coloured Red or Blue. This is not a time for hectoring Parliament into having an election now.

In the PM's Wonderland way with words where 'they mean what I mean them to mean', he can say it is 'reasonable' to offer Parliament a couple of weeks of debate on Brexit in exchange for a general election at his specific and pretty swift time of choosing.

The BBC did not help the cause of honest communication in this matter when an interviewer asked a Labour MP why was Labour 'running away from an election'; that is not 'fair and balanced' reporting. Why not ask why was the PM holding Parliament to ransom?

In any case, Labour is not the only party opposed to a general election and few Conservative MPs would welcome campaigning in the cold of winter when people's minds were turning to Christmas.

I am sure most would-be benevolent dictators would class their demands as a Wonderland 'reasonable'. I hope Parliament and the people of this country will have a more dictionary understanding of the word.

Jean Silvan Evans, Peterston-super-Ely

Readers' Letters

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MPs vote key in policing crisis

I AM writing in response to letters printed in The GEM last week, most of which highlighted various levels of outrage that the Vale MP was trying to protect people by issuing them with stickers.

What drew my attention was the irony that the same MP issuing these crime prevention stickers has persistently voted over the past nine years for the unnecessary cuts to police and council budgets that has had a direct impact on the policing crisis we face today.

The closure of stations has also had an impact and South Wales Police have seen the number of officers patrolling our streets cut by 436 between 2011-2018.

All of this has taken its toll on the officers with morale at an all time low and officers under considerable strain.

The Tories are now proclaiming that they will employ 20,000 officers. Readers know that this is simply not enough to cover the losses or the planned losses from retirements or ill health.

Readers will also know that closure of police training colleges and a lack of staff to train these new recruits will put further strain on the people protecting us.

So, perhaps, before criticising the Labour Parliamentary candidate, Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, for challenging the MP's actions, readers will, like me, hope that those quick to protect their MP understand that the root causes of crime are not being tackled because nine years of cuts has devastated those public services we all hold dear.

Sandra Toker, St Athan

Review of law on assisted dying needed

I WAS disappointed to see that the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales, Alun Michael, did not put his name to a joint letter calling for an inquiry into the law on assisted dying, following PCC Ron Hogg's call for a change in the law.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham, Ron Hogg is one of 18 of the 40 PCCs in England and Wales who have written to the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice.

He said: "We believe it is time for a renewed look at the functioning of the existing law on assisted dying".

He came to this view after considering the plights of those in cases where the blanket ban on assisted dying has caused distress, confusion and pain for dying people, their loved ones, and even the investigating police officers themselves.

Dick Tonkin, Member of Campaign for Dignity In Dying Cardiff Group.

If they can't stand the heat...

COUNCILLORS should remember that they are public servants and therefore subject to criticism and even ridicule, if seen to be pursuing egotistical and puerile agendas.

Tiles depicting coats of arms can be seen on the flooring of many of our ancient churches and cathedrals as are tombstones of past dignitaries. Should these be excavated for fear of causing offence?

I'm sure the people of Barry will make their feelings apparent come the next local elections.

Mrs J Lunney, Rhosce.

Council Tax

I AM less than impressed by Councillor Moore's specious reasoning concerning the annual Council Tax increase.

I seem to remember that, a few years ago when the Government of the day released money country-wide, specifically to ease the burden on council tax payers, the Welsh Assembly used that money for other purposes.

It is a common perception that the more we pay, the less we get in return: it is time for this extortion by the Council to stop.

The (very) late Mr Morton of 'fork' fame would be proud of them!

Finally, when asked if views given during the consultation period could be presented other than online, Mr Moore said: "Yes – full details are on the website."

Without access to online communication, how does one access the website?

I ask only for information.

Patricia Price, Cowbridge.

Spare a thought for the refuse collectors

I HAVE just had a chat with our local refuse collectors who, like most of the residents, are not happy with the new recycling scheme just introduced by the council.

They do more work for the same money as they have to search each bag to ensure that no disallowed items have been put in it by the householders, most of whom are totally confused as to what is or is not allowed.

Our refuse collectors have always done a super job and I feel sorry for them.

Xarifia Cooper, Gileston

'Remainers should not be disregarded'

I AGREE with some of the comments made by Ade Pitman of Barry (GEM letters) – with one exception.

I always thought a referendum was meant to be advisory, not a mandate for the current situation.

As for 'Wales did, after all, vote Leave', are the 47.5% (772,347) of us who voted Remain in Wales to be completely disregarded and sidelined in this tortuous process?

Although I wouldn't vote Tory in a General Election, I rather hope they win it so they will bear responsibility for the consequences.

For example, the tonnes of fruit and vegetables going to waste due to lack of EU pickers, as just announced by the National Farmers Union.

Christine McGiffie, Bridgend.

'Be responsible with fireworks'

PLAID Cymru councillors are supporting calls from the RSPCA for people to be sensible and responsible with fireworks at this time of year.

Sudden loud noises can cause fear and distress in pets, and animals can injure themselves when trying to hide away from the noise.

Where possible, people should watch organised firework displays, such as that on Barry Island, organised by the Rotary Club, sponsored by Barry Town Council, rather than let off fireworks in built up parts of the town.

CLLr Ian Johnson,

Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales

Coat of arms belongs to the people, not Council

I READ with interest about the issue regarding the carpet and the use of the Barry Town Council's coat of arms use on the said carpet, at the newly refurbished public house Weatherspoons in Market Street.

I would like to inform the Barry Town Council that the coat of arms used by Weatherspoons on the carpet belongs to the people, not the council.

There is no property within Barry Council's domain that belongs to them.

The smallest paper clip, up to the council's properties belong to the people, not the council; the council are just temporary custodians until we, the people, kick them out of office.

So I say to Weatherspoons – well done; I think it's fantastic you used this.

DJ Radford, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

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02/11/2019	09.37	9.2
02/11/2019	21.57	8.7
03/11/2019	10.21	8.3
03/11/2019	22.47	8.1
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06/11/2019	01.20	7.3
06/11/2019	13.58	7.6
07/11/2019	02.43	7.7
07/11/2019	15.09	8.2

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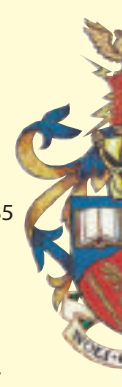
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Concerns escalate over new recycling scheme

RESIDENTS in the Vale have been complaining about missed rubbish collections after the council introduced changes to the way it takes recycling.

This month, residents in the rural Vale began sorting their recycling into four new containers for card, paper, plastic, glass and cans.

The changes, which took effect from October 14, have led to some residents complaining that their collections have been days or even weeks late, with others instead having stickers on their bags if they have put the wrong things in their recycling.

Cllr Gordon Kemp, who represents the Rhosce ward, said he has had complaints: "There are teething problems, but people are waiting two to three days for recycling to be collected."

"Because the council is having issues with trying to let people know what they can recycle, it has taken longer than they thought. It's not acceptable – people put their waste out in good faith and expect it to be collected on the day it's supposed to be collected."

"It's getting better – but it's going to take time before it beds in."

The recycling changes are due to be introduced in Barry in spring 2020 and Penarth, Dinas Powys, Sully and surrounding areas in summer next year.

Deputy leader Cllr Lis Burnett said in a statement on Facebook:

"Collecting separated recycling is a lot more labour-intensive and takes much more time, particularly when our recycling teams are also learning a new system."

Some crews have been moved to unfamiliar areas and so in addition to resource challenges, they have to learn the new routes and initially do not have the local knowledge to re-route a collection if a road is inaccessible due to poorly-parked vehicles.

"While the new systems bed in, the council is trying to minimise disruption. Collection of black bag refuse is prioritised and many of our crews are working extended hours."

"If a collection is not completed on the scheduled day it will usually be picked up within 24 hours. If it is still there 48 hours after it should have been collected, it may have been overlooked and it is then helpful to let us know."

The council banned plastic shopping bags from recycling collections last summer after accusing some

residents of using them to hide food waste and soiled nappies.

It said entire lorry loads of recycling have been rejected at the processing centre due to the waste being contaminated.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "Like all local authorities in Wales, the Vale Council must reach ambitious statutory targets for the amount of waste that is recycled."

"Recycling is only possible if the materials collected can be made into something else. This can only happen if the recycling is of high quality with low contamination. In other words, the quantity of other materials mixed in with it must be kept to an absolute minimum."

"We project this year that we will be close to, if not exceeding, the 70% recycling target for 2025."

"As the Welsh Government-promoted Waste Blueprint for Wales this system is already in use by other councils, where it has boosted both the quantity and quality of recycling and helped deliver financial savings."

However, to be effective, we have to be careful not to accept items that cannot be recycled as part of this process. The new recycling service is one of the most significant

changes to waste management that this council has ever undertaken, primarily as for the first time ever we are leaving material on the kerbside if it doesn't comply with the high standards we require for the material to have maximum value in the UK recycling markets."

"The material we advise is contamination is material we cannot currently recycle, including plastic bags that could be carrier bags, crisp packets and soft plastic bags of all sizes."

"Due to the levels of interaction with our residents in the early stages of the service and our crews adapting to the new service and rounds we are not always completing our rounds on the correct day."

"I would apologise to our residents for any inconvenience caused by this and would ask that they bear with us, as the situation will improve as the service settles in over the next few weeks."

"Prior to introducing the new service, we spent a long time talking to residents about the changes. We appreciate the feedback we have received from residents to date and would thank the vast majority of households that are recycling all they can."

Matt Discombe, LDERS

Developer slammed for work which is 'no use to man nor beast'



LEFT: the pavement deemed to be 'no use to man nor beast'

RIGHT: The housing estate in Wick.



A MAJOR developer has been rapped by the Vale of Glamorgan Council for laying pavements which are "no use to man nor beast".

The council will take enforcement action against David Wilson Homes, and its parent company Barratt Homes, which is behind a development of 124 homes in Wick.

A planning committee was told the road in the development should have been a flat "shared surface" road, according to its planning permission granted in November 2015. But instead, the developer had built a narrow raised footway on either side of the road which was of "substandard width", councillors were told.

Victoria Robinson, the council's operational manager of development management, told the meeting on October 23 the footways were not wide enough and "not appropriate" for wheelchairs and prams.

Committee member Cllr Andrew Parker said: "If you had a

wheelchair or a pushchair you would have a problem.

"There's no solution other than to put it back to the accepted standard."

Cllr Neil Thomas said the pavements are dangerous.

He added: "These pavements are no use to man nor beast. They are too narrow."

The committee voted to refuse an updated planning application to change the design of the road, and to issue a planning enforcement notice to return the road plans to what was originally agreed.

A spokesman for Barratt and David Wilson Homes South Wales said: "The road and pavement is a shared surface designed for pedestrians, cars and a utility service area that runs alongside. We are sorry for any confusion that the small lip in the kerb gives and are working with the local authority to improve it. Our planning application includes signs to alert people that the road is a shared surface, with pedestrians taking priority."

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter

Police probe illegal rave in Sully

POLICE in the Vale of Glamorgan are investigating an illegal rave which was held at a disused warehouse on Hayes Road, Sully, on Saturday night (October 26) and into Sunday morning.

Chief Inspector Tony Williams said: "This event was not foreseen and I am aware of the disturbance it caused to local residents and the community of Sully as a whole."

"I want to reassure residents we will thoroughly investigate any reports of proposed illegal gatherings."

"We are continuing to look into the background to this event and will be speaking to the organisers. Steps will also be taken to ensure such illegal events are not repeated in the Vale."

"Raves can cause significant disruption to residents in terms of noise, and the nature of the event being uncontrolled can allow elements of public order to escalate."



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Councillor denies child sexual offences

A COUNCILLOR has appeared in court charged with historic sexual offences against children.

Vale of Glamorgan councillor Anthony Hampton, 72, appeared at Cardiff Magistrates' Court where he pleaded not guilty to six charges of indecent assault against two children.

The charges date back to the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

The councillor for Iltyd has already appeared in court charged with 10 historic charges of indecent assault against children and is awaiting trial.

Hampton, of Forest Drive in Barry, was charged with six further offences by South Wales Police last week.

Wearing a dark jacket, trousers, dark jumper and

a checked shirt, Hampton spoke only to confirm his name, date of birth, address, and to enter his plea.

He was released on bail on condition that he does not contact any of the witnesses in the case, and that he has no unsupervised contact with males or females under the age of 18 other than "contact which is unavoidable through daily life".

Hampton will appear at Cardiff Crown Court on November 26.

The former teacher and cabinet member for education in the Vale was arrested in January 2018 and charged with 10 counts of indecent assault in December last year.

He was a Conservative councillor but was suspended from the party when he was charged.

Witnesses sought after assault

A 40-YEAR-OLD man suffered facial injuries after an assault in Barry on October 22, South Wales Police revealed this week.

Officers are appealing for witnesses following the attack, which took place at around 10pm in the Heritage Drive area of Cwm Talwg.

A 31-year-old man has been arrested in connection

with the incident and is currently on conditional bail. It is believed witnesses may have seen the incident or its aftermath, and helped the victim.

Anyone who helped or saw what happened is being urged to contact police by calling 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously, quoting 1900391527.

First Minister defends airport's extra £21m loan

FIRST Minister Mark Drakeford has defended the Welsh Government's decision to increase its loan facility to Cardiff Wales Airport by a further £21.2 million.

The Welsh First Minister was responding at the National Assembly to questions about the Government's previous investments of over £90 million in the airport since it paid £52 million for it in 2013.

He said the Government increased the airport's loan payment facility because of the success it has achieved during the time it has been in public ownership

and because the Government wants that success to continue. Airport and it resolutely refuses to do any of them."

Mr Drakeford said: "We invest in the airport to make sure that Wales has a vibrant asset which we need for our economy in South Wales.

"We are confident in what the airport can achieve. Only today, TUI, the largest firm of its sort in the UK, has announced 15,000 new holidays to be sold from Cardiff Wales Airport next year, bringing further passengers and new business."

Mr Drakeford said it would also help if the UK Government allowed air passenger duty to be devolved to Wales. "There are things the UK Government

could do to support Cardiff Airport and it resolutely refuses to do any of them."

Mr Drakeford said that of 4,300 airports in the world which provide scheduled flights, only 14 per cent are in private ownership.

That means, he said, that Cardiff Airport is in the same position as JFK Airport in New York, Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam and Charles De Gaulle Airport in Paris.

He said: "The model we have in Wales is replicated around the world. It makes sure that the Welsh public has an airport they need and that our economy needs. We will invest to make it a success."

Groups benefit from housebuilder's £1m giveaway



THREE south Wales groups have scooped £5,000 each as part of Persimmon Homes' charity campaign supporting under-18s.

The house builder has handed out more than £1,000,000 in cash prizes to organisations across England, Scotland and Wales as a part of its Building Futures campaign, supporting three categories: sport, education & arts and health. The groups representing the east Wales region were The Intersensory

Club, Wales Millennium Centre and YMCA Barry.

The Intersensory Club said they'd spend the money specialist equipment for disabled children, Wales Millennium Centre intends to invest in its theatrical classes for young people and YMCA Barry will buy new gymnastics apparatus.

Martin Smith of Persimmon Homes East Wales said: "We have been overwhelmed by both the response to the competition, and the hard work and dedication of those involved within all the groups."

MP responds to violent crime hike

VALE of Glamorgan MP Alun Cairns has responded to recent figures stating violent crime has been on the increase in the Vale.

Mr Cairns outlined how the work and commitment of the Conservative UK Government to support our vital police services will have a positive impact on local policing in the Vale. Prime Minister Boris Johnson has pledged additional support for the police, most notably committing to an extra 20,000 police officers.

The Vale MP said: "An increase in violent crime is obviously

concerning for the people of the Vale and increases pressure on our hardworking police officers. I have recently joined our local police force on the beat and can see first-hand the work they do to keep people safe."

He added: "The Conservative UK Government recognises the increasing strain on our police service and is delivering an extra 20,000 police officers. The Conservative Party are the party of law and order, and our commitment to increasing the amount of police officers on the beat is just the first in a series of measures to ensure we are tough on crime."

Special meeting for Dinas Powys WI

THE October meeting of the Dinas Powys WI fell on the anniversary of its very first meeting 80 years ago.

A pleasant evening was planned which began with Emma-Jayne of Boho Chic Jewellery and Fashion Accessories, describing her long and courageous struggle with fibromyalgia and the subsequent development of her now thriving business.

It was while confined to bed for long periods that Emma used the time to conceive and plan her jewellery and accessories business.

She certainly is a good example of the 'positive thinking' approach to life and hopes to be an inspiration to anyone struck by fibromyalgia.

Emma brought with her a selection of beautiful glass and metal rings, necklaces, brooches, earrings and bracelets, hats and scarves, all of which she will make to order.

Dinas Powys WI meet on the third Monday of the month at 7pm for 7.30pm at the Murchfield Community Centre, Dinas Powys CF64 4QQ. Visitors and new members are welcome.

'Boobette' from Barry spreading breast cancer awareness



A WOMAN from Barry Island is spreading breast cancer awareness after featuring in beauty giant Avon's Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) brochure.

Kim Shore, 37, became a volunteer 'Boobette' for breast cancer charity CoppaFeel! after being diagnosed with the disease in 2016. Kim shares her own personal experience of breast cancer and encourages more people to check regularly to avoid a late or mis-diagnosis.

Research by Avon found that 86% of us admit to understanding the importance of breast self-checks, yet only 44% check to know what's normal for us once a month or more. As a volunteer, Kim wants to bring together her role as a CoppaFeel! Boobette to encourage more people to check regularly and avoid a late or

mis-diagnosis by knowing what's normal to them.

"When I'm delivering Avon brochures or orders to my customers, I always make sure I include a CoppaFeel! checking card with signs and symptoms to remind people to check on a regular basis." Another way in which Kim has incorporated her Boobette volunteering is by hosting educational talks and featuring Avon's charity products as part of her set up.

"After my own breast cancer diagnosis I've had a 'why not' attitude to life", continues Kim. "Why not get out there and meet more people on the island, and why not spread such important message through beauty and products that people want? The people I've spoken to in my role as a Boobette are really engaged in the Avon and CoppaFeel! connection and are keen to find out more about how they're working together to improve the lives of women across the UK."

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AM Jane Hutt visited Provincial House to meet residents in their new homes thanks to Hafod Homes conversion with a Welsh Government grant.

The former office block in Kendrick Road, Barry, has been transformed into 32 one and two bedroomed flats by Hafod housing, with Kestral construction undertaking the work. Jane Hutt AM was welcomed into the flats and greeted residents with their new homes.

Quiz at the Duke to light up town for Christmas

THE Elephant & Bun Kitchen and Delicatessen is hosting a quiz night at the Duke of Wellington pub on Thursday, November 14 at 7.15pm to raise funds for the Cowbridge Christmas lights.

Teams of up to six people are welcome to test their knowledge in what is always a fun and relaxing evening's entertainment. Tickets are £5 and that includes a curry. Tickets are available from the Elephant & Bun Delicatessen and teams are advised to book early as this popular quiz has always been a sell-out event. There will be prizes, but the aim is to raise funds for the Christmas lights which cost £3,000 a year to put up, take down and maintain.

MP visits bowls club

VALE MP Alun Cairns joined bowls players from across the Vale at the green in Sully Indoor Bowls Club, ahead of the start of the winter season.

The facility is used by players from Clubs across the Vale, including Rhose, Llantwit Major, Barry and Cowbridge. For the winter season, players who usually play outdoors at bowling greens in Rhose and Llantwit Major can continue to enjoy the sport by moving to the impressive eight rink, international indoor arena in Sully.

The facilities are some of the best in the country and regularly play host to international championships. Sully Bowls Club, with over 1,000 members, runs a competitive programme of bowls which accommodates all levels of ability. The

indoor rinks are open throughout the autumn and winter period from September to May and can be booked seven days a week.

Mr Cairns said: "It was great to catch up with bowls players from across the Vale who are using this excellent indoor facility for the winter season, having kindly been invited by members of Rhose Bowls Club.

"Bowls provides so many people with the opportunity to stay active and socialise and I'm really pleased to see that players locally have the opportunity to use such an impressive rink. For anyone who is thinking about playing, I can certainly recommend getting involved.

"I played a couple of games myself and it was thoroughly enjoyable, and the people at the club are incredibly welcoming."



Helping fight polio one bottle top at a time



BARRY Rotary's plastic milk bottle top collection in the County Library was a great success thanks to the generosity of people who came out in force to support it.

Barry Town Mayor Cllr Margaret Wilkinson and Jane Hutt AM were there, with donations also coming from Holton, Romilly, Jenner Park, Oakfield and Palmerston primary schools and local businesses.

Donors were rewarded with packs of crocus corms, part of a mass crocus planting at a variety of local sites. As night fell, the Barry cenotaph was lit up in purple (the colour

chosen as children who have had the polio vaccine have their finger marked in purple dye).

Also present were Jones Dairies, ValePlus and Awesome Wales with the Vale of Glamorgan recycling lorry and stall on King Square.

This was part of an awareness event to mark World Polio Day on October 24.

The bottle tops will now be passed on by Barry Rotary to be recycled. Every 1,000 bottle tops donated will raise 15 pence.

The Rotary polio campaign is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, who triple every 15 pence donated: one polio vaccine costs just 20 pence.

People can continue to support this project and take clean red, blue and green milk bottle tops to the boxes permanently located by the desk in the county library, Wetherspoons (Sir Samuel Romilly) or Awesome Wales at 74 Holton Road, Barry.

When Rotary first began their polio eradication programme, there were hundreds of thousands of cases of polio in the world.

Latest figures indicate that since January 2019 there have been fewer than 200 new cases.

Please continue to donate your clean red, blue or green plastic milk bottle tops and together, help Barry Rotary to rid the world of polio.

A special anniversary for Dinas Powys WI

THE October meeting of the Dinas Powys WI fell on the 900th anniversary of their very first meeting 80 years ago.

A very pleasant evening was planned which began with Emma-Jayne of Boho Chic Jewellery and Fashion Accessories, describing her long and courageous

struggle with fibromyalgia and the subsequent development of her now thriving business.

A delicious harvest supper prepared by the committee followed. Dinas Powys WI meet on the third Monday of the month at 7pm for 7.30pm at the Murchfield Community Centre, Dinas Powys CF64 4QQ; visitors and new members are always welcome.

Neighbourhood Watch events

THE week beginning November 11 is National Safeguarding Week, when a series of events are taking place across Cardiff and the Vale.

The Safer Vale Partnership and the Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Watch Association will hold a meeting with a focus

on domestic abuse on Thursday, November 14 at 6.30pm in the Civic Offices in Barry.

Contact the Safer Vale Partnership on 01446 450200 or safervale@south-wales.pnn.police.uk if you wish to attend.

Contact the Cardiff and Vale Business Unit on 02920 871891 or email cardiffandvalersb@cardiff.gov.uk for more information.

Visit www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk for all the latest news

Grateful thanks to supporters of those sleeping rough

THANK you so much to those who braved the weather and came to the craft fair held at Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday to help raise money for Huggard, the centre for people who are sleeping rough.

There were 21 tables showcasing a range of seasonal crafts, just perfect for Christmas present.

There were an impressive selection of homemade cakes on the baked goods stall and, as always, a keenly anticipated raffle.

Together with kind donations from the stall, church members and

the Fellowship group at Trinity, Huggard will benefit from £650 raised at the event.

None of this would be possible without the wonderful ladies who helped out with serving refreshments, running the raffle and cake stall and all the delicious baked goods and prizes that were donated.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported and helped make the event such a success.

Grateful thanks also to Tesco (Penarth Marina) who donated generously with refreshments and cakes.

For more details about the work Huggard do and ways to help visit www.huggard.org.uk.

Rosemary and Ceri-Lou Newman, Trinity Methodist Church, Penarth.

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Remembrance Service

THE parish of Wenvoe and St Lythan's are holding a Service of Remembrance in St Mary's church at 10am on November 10 followed by the Silence and laying of wreaths at the village war memorial at 11am.

Refreshments available in the church hall following the service. All are welcome.

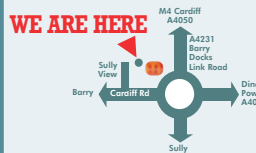
Scout fair at Bridgend

THE 3rd Bridgend Scout Group is holding a Christmas Fair on Sunday, November 24 from 10am - 4pm at the Bridgend Scout Hall, Llangewydd Road, Cefn Glas CF31 4JU.

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Country market

A COUNTRY market takes place on Friday, November 15 in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

On Saturday, November 16, the Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market takes place from 9am to 1pm at Arthur John's car park, Cowbridge.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING AN EVENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY LET US KNOW ABOUT IT BY CALLING THE GEM ON 01446 774484

Young football star's debut for the national team

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg pupil Manon Pearce represented Wales in the under-15 football team last week.

The 14-year-old pupil gained her first national cap for Wales on October 21 at the Dragon Park Stadium, Newport.

Manon plays as a centre-midfielder and started the game for Wales. They were playing a match against Scotland, and won the first leg 2-1.

Weekly, Manon plays for Barry Town u16 football club. She has been training with the FAW and was chosen for the Wales team for the first time. Of the experience, she said: "I was very proud to represent my country

and to be given this amazing opportunity."

Manon also plays for the school football team and last year the school's football team won the Welsh Cup and became national champions with its years 7 and 8 football team.

Miss Price, a PE teacher who has been coaching the school's football team said: "As a department and school, we are extremely proud of Manon and her achievements. She has always shown a keen interest in the subject at school, and has used every opportunity given to her."

We look forward to watching Manon develop and wish her every success with the football in the future. Da iawn ti, Manon!



Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg youngster Manon Pearce on the pitch

AM calls for access to 'critical' drug in Wales

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has repeated his calls for the Welsh Labour Government to provide cystic fibrosis sufferers with access to a life changing drug, following a recent announcement by the UK Conservative Government that the drug Orkambi will now be available in the English NHS.

Orkambi tackles the underlying genetic mutation that causes the disease and differs from prescription medicines that only tackle the symptoms.

It received its European license three years ago – and despite manufacturer Vertex Pharmaceuticals

resubmitting an application to the Welsh Government it is still not available on the NHS in Wales.

The UK Government's Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, announced that NHS England has reached a deal with Orkambi manufacturers Vertex Pharmaceuticals after months of talks. Patients in England should be able to get the drug within 30 days.

Calling on Labour's Health Minister Vaughan Gething to take immediate action to make the drug available in Wales, South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies said: "Cystic fibrosis is an awful condition and it is critical we provide sufferers in Wales

with the best possible care and treatment available, as is now the case in England following

today's announcement by the UK Conservative Government.

"This has been an issue that has been regularly raised with me for some years by constituents as well as groups such as the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. The Welsh Government must now act and follow where Scotland and England have led.

"Constituents and patient groups feel like they've been hitting their head on a brick wall for too long and it's now imperative that Labour's Health Secretary in Wales, Vaughan Gething, takes immediate and decisive action to ensure Orkambi is made available for patients in the Welsh NHS.

"There should be no postcode lottery when it comes to life changing drugs."

Neighbourhood Watch raises awareness of dementia

HIGHLIGHT Park Community Neighbourhood Watch recently organised a public meeting to raise awareness and understanding of dementia, with speaker Cllr Janice Charles.

After the meeting, the video generated an interesting discussion by the residents who shared information about the issues that resonated with them.

Feedback was very positive; some people were carers, some were commencing work

with dementia patients, memories, the meaning of words, how they can be interpreted, and talked about situations that can cause agitation or confusion and ways to calm the person affected.

The video featured a lady suffering from dementia who was also a doctor. Dr Bute (now deceased) wished to help people understand dementia from a patient's point of view, and raise understanding of ways to help. It was a very genuine video where she discussed the many causes of dementia such as Alzheimer's, Vascular, Lewy Bodies, FTD and how the brain is affected. She explained about

anxiety we make allowances for their age, but confused adults do not receive the same reaction; we don't think, or try to understand and help.

For anyone who is interested in this topic explained by Dr Bute, whether they are family, neighbours or carers, there are three videos by her on Facebook. Dementia awareness is an important issue for everyone.

Ada Flinn,

Group Co-ordinator,

Highlight Park

Community

Neighbourhood Watch

Ramblers' walks range from the coast to the fast-flowing River Wye

FOLLOWING a minute's silence for Roger Hill, a much loved member and ex-treasurer of Penarth and District Ramblers who recently passed away, 16 walkers joined Joy and Biddy the dog mid-week, heading along the boardwalk at Cosmeston Country Park and into fields passing the ruined dovecote on their journey towards Home Farm.

They followed Beach Road to Swanbridge making their way across the slippery rocky causeway to Sully Island. A narrow path between bushes led them to the western end of the island for lunch in warm sunshine at the site of an Iron Age Fort, with glorious views towards Weston-Super-Mare, Flat and Steep Holm, and Lavernock beaches as the tide ebbed, exposing a huge sandbank.

After walking around the island they returned to the shore following St Mary's Well Bay Road past Swanbridge House, once the summer residence of the Bute family, to join the Wales Coast Path through fields into Lavernock Nature Reserve.

Passing through the remains of the World War Two gun battery and exiting onto Fort Road, which led them south past the Church of St Lawrence at Lavernock Point, they made their way along the cliff path eventually turning inland through fields to Searchlight Lane for the return to Cosmeston.

A group of six walkers joined Joy at Monmouth and, heading upstream along the banks of the fast flowing River Wye, made their way through the churchyard of St Peter's at Dixon.

Crossing fields and the Mally Brook, then climbing first through a vineyard then a muddy wet track covered in sweet chestnut casings at Hayes Coppice, morning

break followed beneath beautiful old beech trees.

A waterlogged track in woodland with glorious views of the Malvern Hills led them into fields for the descent above the village of Ganarew and joining a quiet lane at Lewstone Farm, an undulating journey brought them through Crocker's Ash to The Doward.

Deviating through the White Rocks Nature Reserve to view King Arthur's Cave, occupied by Man since the old Stone Age, a slippery descent through Lord's Wood led to their lunch stop, before continuing downhill to the west bank of the River Wye.

The Biblins suspension bridge, where only six people can cross at one time, brought them safely to the east bank of the river and along an old disused railway line around a huge bend in the river to pass below the 17th century Hadnock Court and back in to woodland for the climb to Fiddler's Elbow.

Their last climb by field with magnificent views of the Black Mountains meant it was all downhill through autumnal woodland paths, then by pavement back to Monmouth after an enjoyable six-hour tramp.

On November 2, there is a rail ramble to Merthyr Tydfil for the 11-mile easy/moderate walk back to Abercynon to catch the train home. Train leaves Barry at 9am, 9.15am at Cogan, 9.26am at Cardiff Central arriving 10.33am at Merthyr; contact Sheila on 07932 523 415.

On November 5, a 9-mile moderate walk above Llanharan and along the Glamorgan ridgeway will leave Cogan Leisure Centre at 9.30am; contact Alison on 07717 820 012.

For up to date information log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or follow on Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

Latest results from Barrivale Club

THE results for Barrivale Club night on October 22 are as follow.

First, Mark Roderick and Jenny Vaughan 69.05%; second, Peter Millar and Mike Close 62.50% and third, Adrian and Diana Trickey 57.50%.

The handicap winners were Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles. New members are welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required. Anyone who would like to join should call any of the following numbers: 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or visit the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Classes and assisted play also take place at the Pioneer Hall Friday mornings at 10am - 12.30pm and Thursday afternoon is for assisted play from 1.30pm - 4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF644AP (the waterfront).

Tales from the rails for Barry Men's Forum

THIS week's Barry Men's Forum welcomed local rail enthusiast, Mike Wilcock, who is responsible for producing many films on YouTube.

He opened the meeting with his latest offering including a cab ride on the new Class 800 trains now operating between Swansea and Paddington.

They are known as Intercity Express Trains (IET) or in other parts of the country as Azumas.

The journey he undertook was for invited guests between Cardiff Central and Paddington

non-stop.

The average normal HST125 trains take some 135 minutes: these new trains are capable of covering the distance in 93 minutes and this journey produced speeds in excess of 130mph.

They are classed as bi-model and can run under the newly installed overhead electric power supply, as well as the traditional diesel.

Other films were shown in south Wales locations depicted current and historical traction power such as steam, and many of these heritage locomotives having

been rescued from Dai Woodham's scrapyard on Barry Docks between 1970 and 1995 and now are achieving a second reincarnation hauling trains on the main or heritage lines.

The Barry Men's Forum meets weekly on Thursdays at the hall under the Trinity Church in Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry at 9.45am

For further information, contact Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

The next speaker is Anthony Walton and the topic will be 'Birds in the Garden'.

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Jump in staff sickness sparks concern from councillors

STAFF absences at the Vale Council have gone up by a fifth in just one year, amid a sharp rise in the number of council employees suffering physical injuries, it has been reported.

Council staff were off work due to injuries or illnesses around 20% more in the five months between April and August this year than in the same period in 2019.

It includes hundreds more work days being lost due to physical injuries. The number of days lost due to staff suffering from musculoskeletal injuries, such as joints, bones, muscles, ligaments and tendons, grew from 1,903.5 in the first five months of 2018-19 to 2,742.34 a year later – an increase of 44%.

The musculoskeletal injury figures, which do not include back problems, most often relate to active and physical workloads. The biggest increase in this type of injury was in adult social services.

Overall, lost work days due to staff absences grew from 12,690 in the first five months of 2018-19 to 15,235 a year later. Two thirds of staff

absences are due to people being on long-term sickness – only non-work related stress and viral infections contribute more than musculoskeletal injuries to the council's sickness absence rates.

Plaid Cymru councillors have expressed concern at the substantial increase in staff absences at the council and have called for trade unions to be part of the solution. Plaid councillor Ian Johnson said: "It was very worrying to see a 20% increase in staff absence in summer 2019, compared to the previous year, and particularly a rise of 44% in musculoskeletal issues."

"We don't know whether these took place at work for the council, or elsewhere, but the highest rates were in departments where much of the work is physical, helping to move either goods or people."

"If the Vale council wants to continue to be recognised as a good employer, then they need to act quickly to discover why there has been such an increase in absences this summer compared to last year."

"Plaid Cymru believes that the council's trade unions have a role in helping council HR

understand what's going wrong and help staff get back to productive work safely." A Vale of Glamorgan Council spokesman said: "The council has taken note of this data and will analyse it in detail before drawing up a plan to address the increase in absence rates."

"We already work closely with recognised trade unions to manage staff issues and rely on these bodies to help support the workforce. In fact, the current sickness rates and report on musculoskeletal absence were discussed with the local and regional trade unions at a meeting this week."

"In order to combat the matter of staff absence, the council operates an employee assistance programme to support those on sickness absence together with referring employees to occupational health where appropriate. We are also reviewing our attendance and wellbeing policy, but most importantly we have strengthened our approach to staff engagement – and the measurement of it – significantly over the last 18 months."

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter.

Lorry ban will make life better, villagers say



Residents in the village are hoping to see an end to traffic problems like this

A PROPOSAL from the Vale Council to restrict heavy goods vehicles in excess of 7.5 tonne from using the narrow, single track road through Llyswoorney has been met with a unanimous seal of approval from the village residents.

A spokesman for the residents said: "Virtually everyone living in the village has sent a letter of support to the proposal, with 76 of those letters being hand delivered to the Director of Environment and

Housing at the council offices." The Darren Farm development was approved with certain planning conditions, one being that heavy goods vehicles in excess of 7.5 tonne would be directed to use the newly-constructed Darren Farm link Road that joins the A48.

Peter Emery, also a resident of the village commented: "The weight restriction on the B4268 would, in the main, ensure the proposal is very much a win-win situation. People living in Llyswoorney can begin to look forward to a more peaceful, healthy future, free from the toxic diesel fumes emitted by congested stagnant vehicles."

Commuters can plan more accurately their journey times to and from work, and the Llyswoorney community, and Llandow Trading Estate can offer encouragement to new lorry drivers themselves."

The council's consultation period expires tomorrow (November 1). Llyswoorney residents are united in their wish to say many thanks for the encouragement and support received from Alun Cairns MP, Andrew R T Davies AM and Jane Hutt AM together with special thanks to the Vale Council for recognising and embracing this opportunity."

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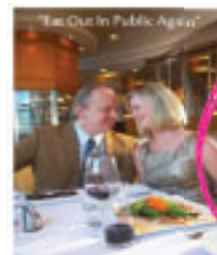
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I WOULD like to start my column by thanking everyone who has so far shared their views as part of the Council's budget consultation.

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It is really important that we hear from as many people as possible when setting the budget for next year, so if you haven't yet had a chance, I would urge you to respond online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/budget

Those who read my Q&A in The GEM earlier this month will know that schools and education account for around half of the council's spending. As a result of this investment and the fantastic staff that work in them, our schools have an excellent reputation for achievement.

This is something that the council is rightly proud of, and there have been three major developments this month which confirms that we are determined to invest in our schools that continue to go from strength to strength, as can be seen by the recent exam results.

October has seen not one, but two, turf cutting ceremonies for new schools in the Vale of Glamorgan.

At the start of the month, I visited Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry to celebrate the beginning of construction on a new design and

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technology block, a sports and IT block, and sports facilities including an all-weather 3G pitch. Last week, the construction started on the new Whitmore High School. When the projects are completed in 2022, pupils will be taught in schools with state-of-the-art facilities, including drama and activity studios, indoor and outdoor sporting facilities, a specialist suite for students with additional learning needs and more than 70 general classrooms.

Both of these are being built as part of the council's 21st Century Schools programme. We have already seen the impact that investing in similar facilities in Cowbridge, Penarth and Llantwit Major has had and they are a reminder of why it is so important that we continue to prioritise the future of the young people in the Vale.

That is exactly what we are seeking to do with our plans for another two new schools in Cowbridge. The Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, Cllr Lis Burnett, last week announced proposals to meet the increasing demand for school places in the town by investing in two new primary school buildings. If approved, after public consultation, this two-stage project would see an investment of £7 million to double the number of English-medium primary places, by building a new primary school next to Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

This would see one of the best schools in Wales, Cowbridge Comprehensive, become an all-through 3-19 school where pupils would automatically move from the primary to secondary education on the same site.

The second phase of the project would then see Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg move to a new building on a new site in Cowbridge. These plans are clearly ambitious and as Leader of the Council I would have it no other way. Our challenge now is to bring these to fruition as quickly as possible and I can't wait!

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What is the 617 Group?



Johnny Johnson, one of the Dambusters, is still an active member at 96, and is pictured with other members of the 617 Group.

TO the Royal Air Force, it is the Dambusters: the latest squadron flying the latest fast jets; to the public, it is a historic number.

To the 617 Group, it is the handful of dedicated volunteers, mostly veterans themselves, who give their time for other veterans in need. The group meets every Tuesday in Penarth at the pier building on the seafront to catch up on the previous week with banter and laughter,

with progress on various projects discussed, and occasionally commissions for the loved ones of a fallen comrade and a helping hand offered. The group was founded by Russ Kiteley in 2012, who identified the needs of veterans as an area of concern and tried to help their situation. So far, more than 60 veterans and their families have benefited from the group's efforts. The group is honoured and proud to have as its life president Johnny Johnson, the last of the Dambusters. He is their inspiration and

at 96, he is still active and looking forward to celebrating his next birthday soon. The group has ongoing projects, including wreath laying on behalf of the group's veterans for their fallen comrades in arms on Armistice Day. Russ and other members started the project which has now become Woody's Lodge. The Dambusters presentation which has been seen by schools, Masons, clubs etc, all of whom have enjoyed the experience.

Contact Alan Shep39@hotmail.com for further information.

How wheelchair rugby transformed Paul's life



LAST week, The GEM reported about the growth of the sport of wheelchair rugby in the area, and Army Veteran Bruce Falkenberg discussed how joining the Ospreys team had been very important to him.

This week, The GEM looks at Paul Jenkins, formerly a player for Great Britain, who is now Head Coach of Ospreys

Wheelchair Rugby as well as the UK Invictus and Help for Heroes Warrior Games teams.

The Bridgend man knows first-hand the benefits of getting into wheelchair rugby, following a devastating accident that left him a permanent wheelchair user.

Paul served for six years in the Welsh Guards in the 1970s. Within a year of leaving, he had a motorbike accident which broke his neck. Like the people he now helps, he went

along for a trial session and became hooked.

Paul said: "In my first year, I was lucky enough to get selected for the Great Britain team and it's just bloomed from there."

Paul has proudly represented his country at Paralympics and European Championships, supported by his wife Jayne and their family.

Paul now works with several veterans who've heard about him through Help for Heroes.

He said: "They're signposting people to me like there's no tomorrow! Which is great because you see them when they come first as a bit down in the dumps."

"The more they come, the more they learn, the better they like the sport. And that's what it's all about, it's about them getting out to do something rather than sitting around depressed and fed up with life".

Paul's wife Jayne (54), works closely with him, supporting wheelchair rugby all over the world. Jayne is happy to get stuck in with helping the players at training sessions and can't remember how many wheels she has fixed after a crash! The fact that Paul is a veteran himself means he can empathise with the men and women he meets through Help for Heroes.

Jayne said: "It's lovely with Paul being ex-military as well, it just gives him back being in the military family, you know, and I support him in every way that I

can, to keep him busy."

Wheelchair rugby has become a way of life for the Jenkins family and Jayne claims it gives them both job satisfaction.

She said: "I think if Paul didn't do this, he would just be sat in the house doing nothing. This is his life. He eats, breathes everything wheelchair rugby."

She loves seeing veterans coming along and trying the game with Paul: "It's amazing to see them going from knowing nothing to winning medals and supporting each other".

As rugby fanatics, supporters of Help for Heroes and Welsh patriots, Jayne and Paul were thrilled to be asked to model the charity's new clothing range.

Paul said: "It's a great honour, to be asked to do that - we're Welsh and we're proud."

PICTURED: Paul Jenkins gives a team talk.

What's on, and where?

HOME grown West End star Peter Karrie is to star in this year's Tenovus Lovelight service at Holy Cross Church in Cowbridge.

Peter starred in *The Phantom of the Opera* during a long and successful stage career. He was born and brought up in Llanmaes and is a keen supporter of Tenovus Cancer Care.

The service on Friday, December 13 at 6.30pm is compered by the BBC's Lucy Owen; it features the Barry Tenovus Sing With Us choir and the award winning Cor y March children's choir, based at Welsh St Donats.

Tickets cost £7.50 for adults and £2.50 for children, available from the Tenovus shop on Cowbridge High Street. There is also a bus trip to the Bath Christmas markets on Thursday,

November 28; tickets (£25) are also available from the shop.

Re-use shop opens

THE first re-use shop in Bridgend has opened at Maesteg's community recycling centre.

At the Heol Ty Gwyn industrial estate, residents are able to donate unwanted household items in good

condition at the shop, called The Siding. The shop is run by social enterprise Wastesavers in partnership with the local authority and Kier.

Deputy leader of Bridgend County Borough Council Hywel Williams said Wastesavers was already operating successful shops at recycling centres elsewhere in south Wales and profits from the business will be reinvested into social programmes.

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How a Porthcawl man's chance meeting with Gandhi inspired a London exhibition



Pictured left is Mahatma Gandhi outside Number 10 Downing Street.



Pictured right is John Berry BEM (far left) and Dan Llywelyn Hall (centre) with dignitaries at the unveiling in London recently.

SEVEN murals, designed by Welsh artist Dan Llywelyn Hall, have gone on display in London to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi and 100 years of the Indian YMCA.

The oil creations, which were unveiled at the Indian's YMCA base in the capital city earlier this month, are from a collection of work called 'Searching for Home.'

Mr Hall's masterpieces celebrate the Anglo-Indian bond that has endured through tumultuous times such as world wars and political unrest.

John Berry BEM, who helped stage the exhibition and founded the Welsh YMCA, was just 10-years-old when Gandhi brokered an

independence deal with Winston Churchill.

In the early 1940s, towards the end of the war, Mr Berry had a chance encounter with Gandhi on the steps of 10 Downing Street.

Mr Berry, who is now in his 80s and went on to establish strong links with the Indian YMCA, was familiar with Mr Hall's work and decided to introduce him to the charity's general secretary in the hope of getting him on board with the exhibition.

Porthcawl resident Mr Berry said: "I was brought into this world in 1936 by a doctor who had immigrated to the UK from India as a young student. It, therefore, follows the first face I ever saw was that of an Indian."

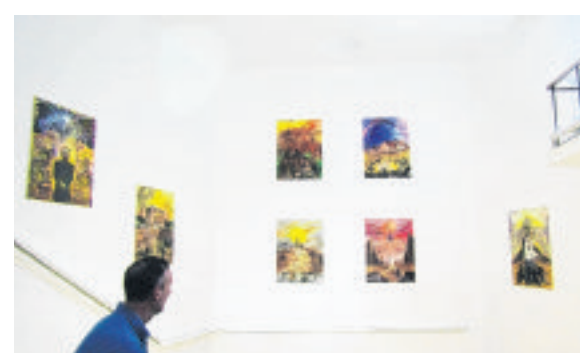
"As a young child during the war I visited London with my parents. I remember being in Downing Street (there was not

today's high security in the 1940s), my mother was an enormous fan of Churchill and we stood on the step to Number 10.

"We were moved to one side to allow a visitor access to the residence and I remember looking at this little old man dressed – I thought – in his bed sheet, who spoke to my parents as he passed. I have this vivid memory of seeing the great man."

He added: "In 1958, I started work with the YMCA and in 1965 went to Jamaica to establish new YMCA work before returning to the UK in 1968."

"I came to Porthcawl in 1983 to reopen YMCA here. It is with great pleasure I join in celebrating 150 years of Gandhi and the centenary of this magnificent institution that upholds his ethos."



Too Young to Make a Will? Think Again!



Rebecca Seldon, an Associate Solicitor in Lifetime Planning, who is based at JCP Solicitors' Cowbridge office, shares her advice on the importance of making a Will at a fairly young age.

Young adults often delay writing a Will in the belief that they are not old enough or wealthy enough to need one. I know from my own experience of being in my late twenties, that embarking on a career and starting a family are my main priorities. Putting plans in place for the potential end of my life has not been at the forefront of my mind. It is not nice to think about our lives coming to an end, but the harsh reality is that life is not predictable and it can take unexpected turns in the blink of an eye. Making a Will allows you to take control of your life in a way that supports your loved ones, should the worst happen.

If you do not make a Will, the Rules of Intestacy will stipulate who gets what upon your death and the outcome may not be what you want. This can be devastating, particularly if you are in a relationship but are not married or in a civil partnership. In this eventuality, legally, your partner would not be entitled to anything upon your death if you were to die intestate.

So, planning ahead is vital and it alleviates stress for your nearest and dearest. In your Will you can:

- Set out who will deal with your estate when you are gone
- Include guardianship provisions to detail who you would want to look after your children after you die. The care of children is, of course, a very emotive matter and it can lead to great friction if you do not address the issue
- Set the age at which any children can inherit
- Mitigate any potential Tax liability for your estate
- Set out your funeral wishes, though these guidelines will not be legally binding

Personally, I have found that taking control of what will happen to my estate on my death is empowering. I feel that I have taken an extra step to make things easier for my family when I am not here.

Here at JCP we recommend that you consider reviewing your Will every three years, or when your circumstances change. As you reach different milestones in life, such as when you purchase a property, have children, or get married, your wishes may change.

The harsh reality is that no matter our age, none of us know what is around the corner and knowing that a Will is in place can give you piece of mind that your wishes will be carried out when you are not here. We need to shatter the misconception that Wills are for older people in our society, so we plan for our families now.



For tailored legal advice on Wills or other aspects of Lifetime Planning, call Rebecca on: **01446 771 742**, or email: **Rebecca.seldon@jcpsolicitors.co.uk**

New season starts at Vale Photographic Club



ABOVE: Helsinki Blues by Patrick Davies.



RIGHT: Leading the Peloton by Nick Craddock

THE new season is well and truly underway at the Vale Photographic Club, with October proving to be a very busy month.

At the first meeting of the month, members enjoyed a presentation from the nationally-renowned photographer Margaret Salisbury. Margaret travelled from north Wales to show us her images from 37 countries.

The first competition of the season had more than 60 images entered in categories for colour, mono prints and projected photographs.

Top marks in the colour print section

went to 'Tŵr Mawr Lighthouse' by Mike Davies and 'Over The Jump' by Nick Craddock. Mike Davies also took top spot in the Mono print section for 'Morning Coffee'. Top honours in the project image section went to Patrick Davies with 'Helsinki Blues', and Nick Craddock with 'Leading The Peloton', an image from the recent cycle race in and around Cowbridge.

Gareth Martin also visited the club and invited everyone to browse his latest collection of work. Gareth has been a prolific photographer since 1979 and has set up several clubs in south Wales over the years. He sees images in what most of us

would think to be mundane, whether it's a bleak landscape or the interior of a building, yet still manages to capture the mood.

To round off the month, watercolour artist Hilary Nicholas from Penttyrch Art Group stepped in at short notice with her painting and drawing skills. It was a fascinating evening and showed how closely the two interests align, particularly in composition. Members also learned how using a limited palette of colours could also improve their photography.

The Vale Photographic Club meets at 7.30pm on Friday evenings at Ystradowen Village Hall; guests are most welcome.

Dog of the Week



TYE is a handsome eight-year-old Shar Pei who has tons of personality and has lots of love to give.

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Tye is looking for an adult-only home with owners who have dog experience. He is housetrained and can be left for a few hours during the day providing he has something to keep him occupied like a stuffed Kong. Tye is a super boy and once his personality shines through, he is a proper little character.

For more information on Tye, please visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; or give us call on 01656 725219. You can also visit our website at www.dogtrust.org.uk

Top tips for helping your pooch on fireworks night

WITH Diwali and fireworks night coming up, the Kennel Club is warning pet owners to be extra vigilant: statistics show 71% of owners' details on microchipping databases are inaccurate.

Since compulsory microchipping was introduced in 2016 approximately 90% of dogs are now microchipped, but apparently only 29% of dogs have microchips with accurate contact details; should a pet go missing on fireworks night and be subsequently

found and scanned, the reunification process won't work. Jacquie Easton of Kennel Club said: "Dogs can react very badly to the unfamiliar sights, sounds and even smells that are common on fireworks night – research shows that 40% of dogs are scared of fireworks and this can result in them behaving unpredictably."

Tips for fireworks night include: Do ensure your pet is microchipped and that your details are up to date.

Keep a collar and ID tag on your dog, just in case they do accidentally escape.

Acclimatise your dog to noises prior to the big night: there are many 'noise' CDs on the market which give you the opportunity to introduce your dog to a variety of potentially disturbing sounds in a controlled manner. Seek help from an experienced animal behaviourist: if your pet is severely noise phobic, sound CDs may make the situation worse. Make a safe den for your dog to retreat to if it feels scared; provide an unwashed piece of clothing so that your dog can smell your scent, and feel comfortable. Distract your dog from the noise by having the TV or

the radio switched on, but try to act and behave as normal, as your dog will pick up on any odd behaviour. Feed your dog a while before you expect any disturbances, as once the fireworks start your dog may be too anxious to eat, and walk your dog before dusk. Bear in mind the smell of fireworks might also be distressing for your dog.

Make sure you shut all doors and windows in your home and don't forget to draw the curtains. This will block out any scary flashes of light and reduce the noise level of fireworks – and don't forget to block off cat flaps.

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Topstak hosts exhibition of work by 'iconic' painter of Welsh landscapes



A LOCAL business is holding a special event to remember a well-known local painter.

Stan Rosenthal established a considerable reputation while living in Cowbridge – a reputation that has grown since his death in 2012.

Lynda Pederson of Topstak told The GEM: "We are advertising the event as a 'Paintings, Prints and Drinks' in our Cowbridge showroom at Llandow on Thursday, November 7, from 5pm to 8pm.

"Some of his artwork will

remain on show for a few weeks after the special evening. Among the artwork we will be including originals, some of which will be brought along by his widow Nicky who has recently moved back to Penarth. She will be here to discuss his work and answer any questions people may have. Much of the work will be of local scenes and of west Wales.

"Stan Rosenthal lived and painted in many parts of Wales, including Cowbridge, Cardiff and St David's.

"Stan's limited edition prints and original paintings are highly regarded by collectors worldwide

and also here in Wales.

"In fact, Her Majesty the Queen has his work in the Royal Collection and there are examples in the National Assembly for Wales, the European Parliament buildings and the British consulate in Mongolia.

"We have a comprehensive selection of his signed limited editions prints priced from £20 to £400 and works by John Brunson and other well-known artists.

"We also have copies of his well-known book, *Approaches to Art*, which shows much of his work."

Mel (75) is a triple medal winner!

Pictured is 75-year-old Mel James from Coytrahen showing off his three well-earned medals



A COYTRAHEN man is celebrating the most successful year of his running career – at the age of 75!

What's more, although most athletes move up to longer distances as they grow older (Sir Mo Farah moving up to the marathon, for instance) Mel James has gone in the opposite direction.

Mel told The GEM: "I have competed for the Les Croupiers club since 1981, and am a former long/middle distance athlete turned sprinter.

"I now concentrate on the 100m, 200m and 400m events. Besides competing in the Welsh Masters leagues this season, I have picked up medals, guesting in the Midland and VAC Championships, leading me into my three gold medals in the Welsh Masters Championships (100m, 200m and 400m).

"This took me on to the British Masters

Championships, where I picked up a 100m silver, 200m bronze and 400m gold. I then competed in the European Masters Championships in Jesolo Italy, where I was chosen for the Great Britain and NI relay teams.

"At that event, I won a bronze in the male 75 4x100m team (breaking the current British relay record) and silver in the male 75 4x400m team, also breaking the current British relay record."

It goes without saying that Mel believes strongly in the benefits of exercise, and running in particular.

To encourage others to benefit as he has, he acts as secretary for the British Masters Athletic Federation (BMAF) Cross Country.

To attract younger people to running, Mel also organises the Bridgend Primary Schools Cross Country League.



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Outstanding officers praised at South Wales Police awards ceremony



ABOVE: PC Lucy Barry accepting her award.
BELOW: PC Adam Robertson being given his gong.



Members of the Multi-Agency Suicide Review and Response Group picking up their award.

SOME of Bridgend and the Vale's finest police officers and staff were among those honoured at an awards ceremony recently.

More than 45 finalists were recognised for their work in 15 categories at South Wales Police's annual TeamSWP Awards held at Cardiff City Hall on October 23.

The awards give the force a change to celebrate officers, members of staff and volunteers who have gone above and beyond in their commitment to keeping south Wales safe.

PC Lucy Barry picked up the Exceptional Service to People award after her quick thinking saved an 18-month-old girl's life.

She was taking a statement from a member of the public when a neighbour came running in with the unresponsive toddler in her arms.

PC Barry, who is based in Bridgend, administered first aid,

ensuring the child was breathing again by the time paramedics arrived.

The Community Shrievalty Award was won by PC Stephen Powell, who works in Barry, for his commitment and passion as a neighbourhood beat manager.

Described by the person who nominated him for the award as "part of the fabric of the Barry Island community", he is responsible for planning and coordinating policing operations for some of the town's biggest events.

Bridgend-based PC Adam Roberts scooped the Learner of the Year Award. Despite being in his probationary period, he was described as his nominator as "one of the best officers I have ever supervised."

PC Roberts' work ethic and commitment to going above and beyond was also recognised by other departments.

Special Inspector Madeleine Clements won the Extra Mile for

Volunteers Award after dedicating 28 years to volunteering as a special for the force, in addition to her full-time work in a number of staff roles including witness care manager and bail manager.

Her voluntary work has been the Special Inspector and her team earn Lord Ferrer's Awards for their efforts in stamping out anti-social behaviour in Bridgend.

She has also been invited to 10 Downing Street to meet with the Prime Minister and Home Secretary to discuss the future of neighbourhood policing.

The Multi-Agency Suicide Review and Response Group picked up the Police and Crime Commissioner Partnership gong.

Based in Bridgend and made up of a number of health and local authority partners alongside South Wales Police, the collaborative has worked tirelessly to raise awareness of mental health issues and vulnerability in the community.



ABOVE: Special Inspector Madeleine Clements picking up her award.
BELOW: PC Stephen Powell receiving his accolade.



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Vale dairy farmer Abi honoured by FUW for services to agriculture (not to mention Cows on Tour)



EVERY year, the Farmers Union of Wales recognises an individual who has made a great contribution towards the development of the dairy industry.

This year, the union is proud to honour Vale of Glamorgan dairy farmer Abi Reader with the Outstanding Service to the Welsh Dairy Industry award. Farming alongside her father and uncle, Abi is a partner in the family business in the Vale; the farm is a mixed holding: Abi has the primary responsibility for the dairy herd operation. Her confidence in the dairy sector has been reinforced by the recent installation of a new dairy unit, which comprises a new milking

parlour, cattle handling system, and a viewing gallery to host school children to see the workings of a Welsh dairy farm. But her involvement goes beyond the farm gate and began during the DairySOS campaign in 2012.

Her passion and drive for the industry shone through as she featured on various media broadcasts, explaining the plight dairy farmers faced at that time. She is keen to sell the farming story to children and the wider general public; Abi is a prominent committee member of the livestock section of the Vale of Glamorgan County Show. Through her involvement with Open Farm Sunday, she was approached by a local farmer's son to take up the challenge of teaching

children in an inner-city school, the 'farm to fork' story. Never one to turn down a challenge, Abi spearheaded a team of 15 Glamorgan farmers and took the campaign to 300 school children at Pakeman Primary School, Holloway, London. The trip became known as #CowsOnTour.

Cows On Tour has gone from strength to strength and this year it culminated in a week-long tour of schools around Wales. To raise the profile, Abi and her colleagues took a full-size model of a dairy cow with them and the Cow went to Dan Yr Ogof caves, up Snowdon, and down the zip wire in Blaenau Ffestiniog. Cows on Tour raised £2,500 for RABI and the mental health charity DPJ Foundation in 2019.

BARUC Art Group weekend exhibition

BARUC Art Group's 45th annual exhibition was held on October 26-27 and was voted an outstanding success.

The high standard of the group's artwork was widely praised by

visitors.

The friendly local Barry Art Group meets on Fridays (9am-12 noon) at All Saints Church Hall, Park Road, Barry.

There are demonstrations and study days by local professional artists. The Group also has en

plein air painting days (with lunch) – another recognised way of improving painting skills in settings such as Sully and Porthkerry Park.

For further information, contact Lin Learner (secretary) on 01446 722243.

Cardiff and Vale Third Sector funding – ideas for improving quality of life are wanted!

THE Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Integrated Health and Social Care Partnership has allocated £100,000 funding from the Welsh Government's Integrated Care Fund (ICF), to support new Third Sector community activities and services in Cardiff and the Vale.

The Third Sector Capital Investment Fund is managed and administered by Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) and is open for applications; the deadline for submissions is 12pm on Friday, November 15.

This fund supports proposals which improve the quality of life for people in Cardiff

and the Vale, promoting health and wellbeing and supporting engagement and participation in the communities in which they live. The funding is focused on the following areas: older people with complex needs and long term conditions, including dementia; people with learning disabilities; children at risk or with complex needs due to disability or illness, and carers, including young carers. Organisations can apply for a maximum of £20,000. There is no minimum.

The funding could be used, for example: as start-up costs for new groups, activities or services; for materials to support the provision of, or piloting of new or additional services;

to support the setting up of a lunch club, sport club, exercise class, carer support, neighbour care, or a small scale community befriending service in response to a need; or for re-ablement and rapid response services to better meet demand. Examples of capital expenditure might include the following: improving access to services; housing adaptation equipment such as ramps and rails; IT equipment; refurbishment of Third Sector service provision; kitchen equipment for lunch clubs etc. Application forms are available from GVS, Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry, CF62 9DA; 01446 741706; e-mail: enquiries@gvs.wales website: www.gvs.wales.

Farming Matters by Rachel Saunders

IT'S the end of October and by now we were supposed to have clarity on our exit from the European Union – but speculation as to how, when and if is futile: so instead of hypothesising as to what will happen or not, let's talk about our dairy industry.

This week marked the 31st Welsh Dairy show and I hope that everyone who stopped by our stand enjoyed some warming cawl and plenty of #farmingmatters chats.

There is such enthusiasm for our sector, whether it is dairy, beef, sheep, chicken or pork, and that's why it saddens me that we keep coming under attack from those who perhaps don't really understand what happens on farms across Wales.

The dairy industry continues to find itself at the centre of negative public attention, with much anti-farming sentiment being expressed by various vegan and animal rights organisations.

The rise of both veganism and plant-based dairy alternatives cannot be ignored, so as the campaign against dairy becomes louder, let me say this: our animal health and welfare standards are amongst the best in the world – that is indisputable.

The ban on the use of the term 'milk' for certain plant-based alternatives was a step in the right direction, but we must ensure that the UK adheres to this decision after we leave the EU.

We must also continue to make sure that consumers are not misled by inaccurate labelling or extremist information. To that end, we will continue to fly the flag for our dairy farmers here in Wales and continue to take a proactive stance, shouting about why our dairy industry is the best.

With the future of farming likely to change dramatically over the coming months and years, I am concerned about what will happen, not just to the dairy industry here in Wales, but to agriculture across the UK.

The fragility of the current Welsh dairy supply chain has never been more demonstrable, with the recent loss of a major dairy processor in Wales. Indeed, the current imbalance of power in the dairy supply chain renders our producers extremely vulnerable.

The future looks uncertain but I can assure you the FUW will continue to highlight why Farming Matters and we will continue to fight the corner for the farmers of Wales.

Rachel Saunders

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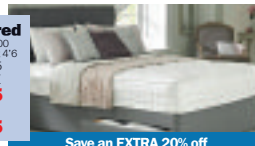


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Out & About with The GEM

Folk music in Llantwit Major



L L A N T W I T Major Tunc Club is a group of local amateur musicians who meet regularly to learn, practise, perform and promote traditional Welsh folk music.

They have been entertaining with their music on the second Thursday of every month at The

Old Swan for the past eight years.

On November 16, there will be a concert featuring Guto Dafis and Daniel Kilbride on melodeon and guitar in the atmospheric St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 7.30pm.

Guto will recount a couple of Glamorganshire folk tales and sing some

songs collected from the manuscripts of antiquarian Iolo Morganwg who rediscovered the 'Samson Pillar' in The Galilee Chapel.

Tickets are available from Nickleby's Bookshop in Llantwit Major, from St Illtud's Church Office (01446 792439), or on the door at £8 each, or £5 for under 16. **SK**



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Martin 07444 374377

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Sarah 07917 881220

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Sarn & Brynclwys Social Club, Bryncoch Road, Sarn
Scott 07498 780419

Penarth Aviation Club

ON Friday, November 1 the Penarth Aviation Society will meet in the Penarth Conservative Club for 8pm.

This month, Ivor Griffiths is the speaker who has had an extensive career as a helicopter pilot stretching over some 40 years.

Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend for a small donation.

For further information, visit www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk, see www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk or contact secretary Martin Parry on 02921 254776.

Enfys Craft Fair

THE next Enfys Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, November 2 at St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry.

There are only two fairs before Christmas; don't miss them as there are many beautiful and unusual gifts to be found that cannot be found elsewhere. The fair has free entry and is open between 10am and 4pm.

Five jewellery crafters, Christmas cakes, puppets for children, wooden products, knitted items, beautiful children's clothes – so much to choose from.

The November charity is the Barry branch of The British Legion. For more information, call Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

Tondu Community AGM

ALL are welcome to attend the AGM of the Tondu and Aberkenfig Community Association on Wednesday, November 6 at the Parish Rooms, Bryn Road, Ynysawdre, commencing at 7pm.

Many local issues will be raised, including the latest news regarding Llanmoor's development of the land to the west of the Maesteg Road. Nominations of officers to be received by October 31 or on the night.

For a nomination form, email: contact@tondu-aberkenfig.co.uk

Coffee and folk music

A COFFEE morning will be held at St Tyfodwg's Church, Glynogwr on Saturday, November 9 from 10am until 1pm.

In addition to a warming cup of tea or coffee and home-made cakes, there will be table top items to include ideas for Christmas and an opportunity to purchase locally produced honey.

A musical interlude will be provided by the folk group Shenanigans.

Flower Arrangers

THE Cowbridge Flower Arrangers Club invites everyone to a demonstration by Kathryn Lee on 'A Christmas Theme,' complemented with mulled wine and mince pies.

The event takes place at Cowbridge Town Hall on November 6 at 7.30pm. Doors open 6.30pm; guests £7.

CADS presents...

COWBRIDGE Amateur Dramatics Society presents Season's Greetings by Alan Ayckbourn from November 6 to 9.

Doors and Jim's Bar open 7pm, curtain 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 available by calling Peggy on 01446 773167, or from WG Davies newsagents on Cowbridge High Street.

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Enjoy an autumn walk with Valeways

ON Friday, November 1 at 10am, a Wellbeing Walk takes place starting at Porthkerry Country Park cafe car park.

On Sunday, November 3 at 2pm, a three-mile walk around Gileston and St Athan, starting at Gileston beach car park

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On Tuesday, November 5 at 10am, Major Coffee Shop Strollers meet outside Llantwit Major town hall. On Thursday, November 7 at 10.30am, the Living With Cancer Strollers meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

On Wednesday, November 6 at 10.30am, the Cosmeston Coffee Shop Strollers meet outside the visitor centre

at Cosmeston Country Park. Also on November 6 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major Coffee Shop Strollers meet outside Llantwit Major town hall. On Thursday, November 7 at 10.30am, the Living With Cancer Strollers meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

Make music, make friends!

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Grants available for groups celebrating creativity in older people

GRANTS of up to £500 are being made available to help community groups and organisations take part in Gwanwyn – the Wales wide festival celebrating creativity in older age throughout May 2020.

Gwanwyn, run by Age Cymru, focuses on projects that adopt an innovative approach to encouraging older people to take part in arts and creative activity.

Applicants are encouraged to think about ways in which their groups can offer something unusual, new or challenging.

Groups are asked only to apply for the sum of money that is absolutely

necessary for their activity.

This will enable the festival to maximise the number of groups it is able to support.

If you are planning an event that requires more support than the community grant scheme offers, applicants are asked to contact Gwanwyn to explore other potential sources of support.

Similarly, if your event does not need financial support you can still let Gwanwyn know as your project may still benefit from being associated with Gwanwyn and in particular its listings service.

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Reading group celebrates milestone 21st birthday



THE Cowbridge U3A reading group started. one held their monthly meeting at De Clare Lodge to celebrate their 21st birthday.

The group was formed by Norah Davies who has been their leader for almost 20 years.

Over the years they have read over 250 books. They meet monthly in each other's homes, and the number is limited to ten people.

With coffee, views are aired on the book chosen by members and often lead to other interesting discussions.

Members of U3A are always willing to help new groups get

The main monthly meetings of U3A are held on the second Wednesday at 2pm in Cowbridge Town Hall, and guests are very welcome; why not come along?

Pictured above (from left) are: Joy Rees, Norah Davies, Barbara James, Lesley Busher, June Greaves, Jane Foley, Isabel Jeffreys, Glenda Evans and Frances Rees. Isabel and Frances are residents of De Clare Lodge.

All that glitters is gold

ANTIQUES in Wales is launching the latest venue at Cottrell Park Golf resort in St Nicholas on Sunday, November 3.

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Local fairs are always a lovely informal way to spend an indulgent weekend off, and our exhibitors at Cottrell Park have been hand

picked for variety and quality.

We all need to shop local, and our antiques dealers are passionate professionals who love their trade. Amidst the uncertainty of Brexit and climate change, exhibitors at Antiques in Wales are the stalwarts of face-to-face, good, old fashioned, real shopping.

We need some good news and although there are many reasons to be concerned in these uncertain times, there are some developments that may show us some glimmers of hope in the antiques trade.

Will climate change combined with Brexit mean that all second hand items and antiques are a purchase of necessity, not just choice? Will the increasing price of gold mean that antique jewellery purchases are a sound investment?

Come and find out from 10am-4pm at Cottrell Park (early bird Trade entry from 9am).

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Film night at library

ON Monday, November 11, Llantwit Major library is showing the film *Colette* starring Kiera Knightley.

Colette is pushed by her husband to write novels under his name but she fights to make her talents known, challenging gender norms. The date of the showing has been changed because of Bonfire Night.

Tickets £3 can be purchased from Llantwit Major library now. The doors open at 7.15pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. We only have 45 seats, so purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment!



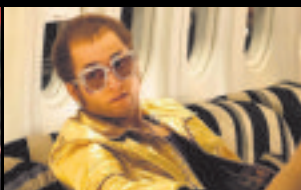
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Singin' in the Rain (U)

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But planning it can be a very stressful assignment for those staff members handed the onerous task of organising an office get-together that is fraught with pitfalls for the unwary.

There is so much to plan and consider, all subject to scrutiny from on high; not least the catering on a tight budget, choosing suitable music and entertainment and transforming the workplace environment into a venue fit for the festive occasion; all the while praying that nothing will go wrong and no tipsy revellers disgrace

themselves on the day to incur the ire of the boss!

Why not cut out all the stress and anxiety at a stroke and let the professionals take the strain – by celebrating outside the office this year?

Not a street party, the weather won't be very accommodating. But with a whole host of fine dining, pub food, cocktail bars and entertainment venues spread throughout the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend county borough, the choice really is limitless.

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Slimming World consultant is 'inspired' by meeting its founder



Helen Waite (second left) with Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE (fourth left) and other SW consultants.

A WEIGHT-loss consultant is celebrating after attending a national slimming event hosted by the founder of Slimming World, Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE.

Helen Waite was one of 500 guests from across the UK who attended the event in Nottingham held to celebrate Slimming World's 50th golden birthday year.

Helen, a consultant for the Rhoose, Llantwit Major and St Athan Slimming World groups,

said: "To have had the opportunity to meet Margaret and listen to her was inspirational.

"There's no doubt the insight will enable me to improve the support I give to everyone who attends my Slimming World group each week."

Like all Slimming World Consultants, Helen lost seven stone at a group and knows how valuable group support can be. Consultants receive in-depth training from the Slimming World Academy to help give their members the support they need to

make long-term changes to improve their health and wellbeing, as well as passing their new habits on to their family.

Training includes the role of healthy eating and activity in weight management. It also includes training in how to help members to lift the guilt and shame they may feel as a result of struggling with their weight to form healthy lifestyle habits.

To join Helen's groups, go along or give Helen a call or text on 07968 355119.

Pensioners take fight to Parliament

COACHES packed full of women fighting to reverse changes to their pensions will set off from south Wales next month and head to London for a major protest.

Hundreds of women from all corners of the UK are expected to take part in a rally at Westminster after the government equalised state pensions for men and women.

Some of the women, born in the 1950s, claim the equalisation has left them facing financial hardship.

They say that the changes were made with little or no warning, meaning they could not alter their retirement plans.

Campaigners argued in a court case that the move was discriminatory, but senior judges recently ruled against them.

Barry resident Kay Clarke, founder member of 1950s Women of Wales and Beyond, will be one of the many protesters heading to London on November 5 to "send a message to parliament that we are not going away."

Kay Clarke told The GEM: "Well after the devastating result of the judicial review we have picked ourselves up, brushed ourselves down, and have started all over again.

"The Women of Wales have organised another rally in Westminster where we plan on stopping traffic once again in our own special way."

Ms Clark added: "A coach will travel along the M4 and join many others from campaign groups WASPI, We Paid In You Pay Out and Pension Reformers United, to name but a few, and from all over the UK from Scotland to Cornwall.

"We are hoping to find help towards the cost of travel as many of our members are without income.

"An appeal has been made to local unions, but our fight for justice will see many going without in order to get themselves to the rally and join their fellow pensionless pensioners in an attempt to be heard."

Anyone interested in joining the group on the coach should email clarkesblaujager@hotmail.com.

It's not rocket science... be safe this Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night

HALLOWE'EN and bonfire night are traditionally some of the busiest times of year for our fire crews.

Last year, between October 26 and November 6, the fire service attended 232 deliberate fires – a 22% decrease on the previous year. They would like to keep this number decreasing, as attending firework and bonfire misuse incidents can cost lifesaving minutes in firefighters getting to incidents such as road traffic collisions or house fires. Fireworks can be spectacular, but they are dangerous and can cause serious injury if handled irresponsibly. If you are looking to enjoy fireworks this year, why not go to a safe, organised public display?

If you are purchasing fireworks, remember:

Make sure all fireworks comply with approved standards and regulations; Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks; Keep fireworks in a closed box and always follow the instructions carefully when using them; Light them at arm's length using a taper and

stand well back; Never go back to them once they are lit. Even if a firework hasn't gone off, it could still explode; Never throw fireworks and never put them in your pocket; Respect your neighbours – don't let off fireworks late at night and remember there are laws to follow; Take care with sparklers – never give them to children under five. Even when they have gone out they are still hot, so put sparklers in a bucket of water after use; Keep your pets indoors throughout the evening.

Bonfires can also be a fire risk, so the fire service recommends looking for alternative ways to get rid of your waste, but if you do have a bonfire, make sure you follow these safety tips:

Build your bonfire well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and hedges; Never use flammable liquids to start a bonfire and never burn dangerous items such as aerosol cans, paint tins, foam furniture or batteries; Always keep buckets of water or a hosepipe nearby in case of fire; Don't leave bonfires unattended. An adult should supervise it until it has burnt out. If

it has to be left, damp it down with plenty of water; Check the area to make sure there is no wildlife or pets hiding nearby.

At Hallowe'en, use battery powered lights instead of candles in your pumpkin lantern, especially if you are holding a children's party. Please also ensure you buy fancy dress outfits that are labelled with the approved standards and regulations.

Head Fire Crime and Home Safety, Group Manager Neil Davies said: "We attend many unsupervised fires and injuries caused by fireworks and out of control bonfires. The safest thing you can do is attend an organised display. Fireworks and bonfires are a lot of fun, but it's very important to be cautious. Acting irresponsibly around fires and fireworks can have devastating consequences, can cause life threatening injuries and can even cost lives."

If you are planning on having a supervised bonfire, notify Joint Fire Control on 01268 909 408 or for more advice and guidance, www.southwales-fire.gov.uk/ your-safety-wellbeing/.

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'Trailing Clouds of Glory' – a must for Welsh football fans



HARDCORE Wales football fans talk of the 1958 squad that included Ivor Allchurch and Mel and John Charles and made it to the quarter-finals of the World Cup.

But what about the boys of 1976? Wales' unsung success in the 1976 European Championships is finally celebrated in a new book by Nick Burnell – *Trailing Clouds of Glory: Welsh Football's Forgotten Heroes of 1976* which fetes the success and achievement of a group of people who restored pride in the Welsh football jersey.

The book is also the Books Council of Wales' Book of the Month for November 2019.

Llantwit Major Football Club played a part in the development of this book as scenes were filmed in the home team dressing room where author, Nick Burnell, interviewed Dave Roberts about his memories of that era.

It was decided by Nick that the best option was to use the information gathered in the filming as a starting point to writing a book about that era in Welsh football.

It was a time which Burnell describes as less complicated, "before the onset of 24-hour saturation coverage and millionaire journeymen players. "A time before football was 'invented'

in 1992, where television and radio closed down when there was nothing more to say, and when footballers looked to the future by doing their coaching badges or searching for local pubs that needed new landlords. A time before VAR, podcasts and the gaudy vulgarity of the Premier League, when you'd stand and watch the game in front of you for 90 minutes rather than film it on your mobile phone."

Although 2016 and 1958 are legendary, the period following Mike Smith's appointment as manager on the heels of yet another failure to qualify for a World Cup in 1974 has largely been forgotten.

Trailing Clouds of Glory is based on extensive research and Nick Burnell has used contemporary press reports and surviving TV match footage, as well as recollections collected during interviews with some of the protagonists themselves.

The book also paints a vivid picture of the 1970s, taking a nostalgic and humorous look at the decade and its foibles – including a look at the news headlines of the time, and one truly surreal real-life event involving The Bay City Rollers, Tony Blackburn and a Wembley.

Trailing Clouds of Glory: Welsh Football's Forgotten Heroes of 1976 by Nick Burnell is available now.

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Wales contingent of Team UK unveiled for 2020 Invictus Games

EIGHT men and women from Wales have been selected as part of the 65-strong team of wounded, injured and sick (WIS) military personnel and veterans selected to represent the UK at the 2020 Invictus Games and three are from the Bridgend and Vale areas.

Rob Bugden (34) from Sizingstone, Bruce Falkenberg (42) from Maesteg and Nathan Huddy (39) from Llantwit Fardre will join teammates from across Wales. The team will be supported by Help for Heroes Wales and Hereford Sports Recovery coordinator Nick Vanderpump from Bridgend.

Invictus UK is delivered by a partnership comprising The Ministry of Defence, Help for Heroes and The Royal British Legion and BAE Systems are proud sponsors of Team UK for the first time. The athletes

– 89% of whom have never taken part in an Invictus Games before – will undergo training camps delivered by Help for Heroes to ensure they are best prepared for the international sporting competition next year.

Corporal Rob Bugden joined the RAF in 2008 as a Physical Training Instructor and qualified as a parachute jumping instructor. He was left paralysed after his parachute got tangled with another jumper after a mid-air collision in 2016. He said: "I entered the RAF as a sportsman and taking part in the Invictus Games means I would be leaving as one still. Despite injury I can still compete, be active and importantly still be the same person I've always been, which is vital for my mental recovery."

Bruce Falkenberg is a former soldier from Zimbabwe, who signed up to the British Army in 2000. Nerve damage and a series of injuries to his feet caused complications which resulted in Bruce having below the knee amputations of his legs

in 2013 and 2015. Following his medical discharge from the Royal Regiment of Wales, Bruce settled in Maesteg. He said: "No man is an island, and this experience will serve to help me make new friendships, ignite a good team spirit where I can and reap the rewards of networking and team working to enhance my road to recovery and rehabilitation."

Nathan Huddy is a former RAF Regiment Gunner who, while serving in Iraq in 2003, was involved in a landmine blast seriously injuring his left foot and he suffered severe shrapnel wounds. In 2017, he suffered a stroke and his mental health spiralled downwards: unable to shower, feed or tie his shoelaces for himself. Watching the Invictus Games in 2018, he was inspired to contact Help for Heroes and said it was like "a switch being flicked inside his head."

The team will compete in nine sports: athletics, archery, wheelchair basketball, cycling,

powerlifting, indoor rowing, wheelchair rugby, swimming, and sitting volleyball. They will train from now until May as part of Help for Heroes' Sports Recovery programme to train and develop the team. Nick Vanderpump, who will be supporting the team, said: "I've seen the difference community sports recovery has played in the lives of the men and women who will be taking part in this inspirational event. Even when someone is affected by illness or injury, sport is incredibly powerful in bringing people together and giving them purpose in life."

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To get support from Help for Heroes in Wales and Hereford, go to: www.helpforheroes.org.uk/get-support/how-to-access-our-services/recovery-in-wales/ or call 01443 808910.



Rob Bugden (34) from Sizingstone.

Glenn Webbe - a Bridgend RFC legend, an elusive wing, and an elusive character too

ANYONE thinking of buying 'Glenn Webbe - The Gloves Are Off' (published by Y Lolfa) can be reassured that they will get their money's worth.

It's Webbe's story in pretty much his own words, co-written with Geraint Thomas, who played alongside him in the famous blue and white shirts of Bridgend RFC.

He was brought up in Ely, Cardiff, but decided to join Bridgend, and became a 'one club' man.

He loved playing for Bridgend and Bridgend loved him back, and he makes it clear that it wasn't just a rugby relationship.

He values the friends he made and he loved everything about being part of a rugby team - the training, the playing, and the post-match partying!

It's full of anecdotes – some funny, some startling and Webbe's own thoughts on rugby then and now are always interesting.

I emphasise this because the criticisms I do have are minor, but they keep gnawing away at me.

Let's take this tribute to Glenn: "He is bigger than the rugby bubble... He is Yoda with a mean sidestep and a killer sense of timing... The way he has lived his life gives me the courage of my convictions."

Impressive, but you won't find that tribute to Glenn in this book. They are the words of Gareth 'Alfie' Thomas (or possibly his co-writer Michael Calvin) from his 2014 autobiography 'Proud'.

In that book, Alfie identifies Glenn and Bridgend prop forward Ian Greenslade as his two closest friends in rugby. Two friends who looked after him in so many ways.

He says that Glenn, in elder statesman mode, sat him down when he first joined Bridgend and told him he was a future international, and told him what he had to do to get there.

Alfie's emotional turmoil as a result of his sexuality are well chronicled, and Glenn and Ian were there for him, watching his back and looking after him.

Perhaps it is modesty, but you get no sense of this Glenn from his own book. He was an elusive winger, and the private Glenn Webbe is just as elusive in this book.

What you do get is a guy who portrays himself as someone who doesn't spend too much time thinking. This Glenn appears early in the book, when he is selected for Wales Youth to tour South Africa in 1990.

He says that, at the time, he knew nothing about apartheid, and the truth only dawned on him when he and three fellow youth internationals found themselves

tables being served while they were ignored.

What jars in this story is a photo in his book, in 1972 at his primary school in Ely, where he is the only black face in a sea of white ones.

What was it like for him? How was he treated by his fellow pupils? Glenn, it appears, has no intention of telling.

To be fair, in Gareth Thomas' book, Alfie says that Glenn has always refused to be defined by his colour. How did Glenn arrive at this world view? He is not saying in this book.

For so much of the book he emphasises the fun side of his rugby life. The practical jokes, the drinking games, the camaraderie.

Only now and again does a story slip through that indicates there is a more determined and principled person at its heart.

For instance, when he and Adrian Hadley are playing youth

rugby in Cardiff (for different teams), someone in the know tells them both that, in order to get a Welsh youth cap, they need to move to a more 'fashionable' team.

The two sit down and discuss it, and say no: "If we can't make it on our own terms, then we don't want the cap that much."

They both were awarded their Welsh youth caps – on their own terms.

Later, at the age of about 27, he gets an offer to 'go north' – £80,000. Wales were struggling and quite a flood of players

turned to rugby league – Jonathan Davies and John Devereux to name just two. £80,000 is a lot of money now, and it was a lot more then, but Glenn had just started seeing Sally – who became his wife – and he didn't want to jeopardise the relationship.

There is a convention in 'my story' books where people spill

their guts and 'open up' about every traumatic moment they can come up with. It's good for publicity and book sales. You won't find that in this book.

This is Glenn Webbe very much on his own terms. Finally, one last quibble. Publishers Y Lolfa know their way around the sports book market, so I'm surprised they went with the front cover strap line 'Welsh rugby's first black icon'.

I wouldn't want to say that in Wigan, where they idolise a certain Billy Boston, or in Hull, where Clive Sullivan is another icon. Two Cardiff boys, like Glenn.

It would be good if this book goes to a reprint, and if it does, perhaps it should be 'Welsh rugby union's first black icon'.

PHILIP IRWIN, GEM News Editor



Left to right: Co-author Geraint Thomas, Glenn Webbe, BBC TV's Phil Steele ("another Ely boy") and actor Simon Foster.



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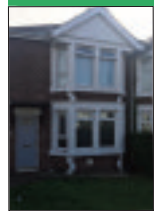
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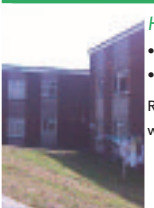
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Passed away peacefully at Highwell House
Nursing Home, Herefordshire on 23 October,
aged 91 years. Loving dad to Margaret and Chris,
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Resting at A G Adams Funeralcare until the
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of Calvin, cherished grandmother of John and his
wife Emma, dearly loved sister of Doris.Funeral service at James Summers Funeralcare
chapel, Roath Court, Newport Road, Cardiff on
Friday, 8th November at 1.30pm, afterwards at
Barry Crematorium at 3pm.Flowers may be sent to the funeral home or donations
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02922 362101**PEMBER****Alun John Charles**Our family sadly announces the passing of our
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Thursday, 21st November at 11am at
St Tathan Church, St Athan followed by interment
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Cancer Research UK c/o the funeral director.**Goodman****Kathleen (Kitty)**
(née Lewis)Peacefully at Island View Nursing Home on
23rd October 2019, aged 92 Years. Devoted wife
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and David, mother-in-law to Andrea, cherished
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our mum on Sunday 20th October, aged 68
at The University Hospital Of Wales.A doting mum to Rachel & Karen and a much
loved mother in law to Jason & Scott, survived by
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Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of: Monday to Thursday 0830 to 1700 hours and Friday 0830 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk. Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:-

Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB
NAME OF APPLICANT: Between The Trees Ltd.
NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES: Candeston Campus, Merthyr Mawr, Bridgend CF32 0LS.
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Penarth bowlers head off for a European competition in Spain

FORTY three members of Penarth Bowling Club assembled earlier this month for a week-long trip to Torremolinos on the sunny Costa del Sol.

Early to bed was not a call made on most nights, and as a result bleary-eyed bowlers were rife at breakfast, particularly as they congregated at 9am for the first of four games.

Santa Maria BC was the venue on a beautiful sunny day. Penarth battled well on a tricky synthetic surface and the ravages of happy hour were evident.

Not one of the seven rinks managed to win, although two rinks went down by only one shot. Sue Croll, Kath Jenkins, Billy Croll and Peter Needham were the better of these two rinks, despite the vociferous complaints of Nick Chandler and his rink.

The final result on the day was 86-168 in favour of the home side.

The next day they played at Miraflores Country Club and hopes were high. The margin of defeat was a lesser one, this time by a final score of 84-139.

The improvement was buoyed by securing one winning rink. Nick Chandler, Joan Lewis, Bob Lewis and Jackie Regan bowled superbly to record a 23-8 victory.

The strength of the squad was bolstered somewhat by the arrival of Don Shirley for Monday's game at Lauro BC. He slotted in superbly at third with the John Best rink to record a 18-12 win.

However, the best winning rink score was that skipped by Clive Fry, ably assisted by Chris and Phil Davies and Viv Duckers. They rattled up an impressive 23-15 win. Also on the winning side were June Williams, Alan Stockham, Russel

Daniel and skip Jayne Edwards. They led all the way fought out a creditable 13-12 advantage.

The overall result saw a diminishing deficit 94-148. It could have been so much better, but for two rinks suffering heavy defeats.

The final game meant a return to Santa Maria with hopes high for the elusive victory. A further defeat by 83-156 was a disappointment but in no way doused the spirits of the intrepid tourists.

One rink was successful, skipped by John Best with wife June, Nick Chandler and Don Shirley.

The trip was organised by Dave and Maureen Dalby, for which sincere thanks were given at the awards ceremony on the last evening.

Thanks must also go to all the clubs visited for their welcome and to the Costa del Sol for the brilliant weather.

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Barry and District Clubs round-up

THE latest results from the Barry and District Leagues are as follows:

Crib Division 1: Romilly Railway 8, Wyndham Cons 7, Cadoxton Cons 7, Moors Boys 8, West End 11, Liberals 4. League: Romilly Railway 60, West End 54, Moors Boys 52, Cadoxton Cons 50, Rhoe Social 49, Liberals 48, Wyndham Cons 47. Skittles Division 1: Slammers 5, Rhoe Social C 2, Liberals A 1.5, Liberals C 5.5, Rhoe Social B 3, Barry Town FC 4, Allsorts 6, Barries Boys 1, Rhoe Social 0.5, Sea View Exiles 6.5, Rhoe Social A 6, King William XII 1, Cambrian Flyers 1, West End D

6, West End C 2, Rugby Club 5. League: West End D 38.5, Rhoe Social A 37.0, Sea View Exiles 34.0, Rhoe Social C 25.5, Barry Town FC 25.0, King William XII 25.0, Rugby Club 24.5, West End C 24.5, Rhoe Social 22.5, Allsorts 22.0, Slammers 22.0, Liberals C 20.0, Rhoe Social B 19.5, Cambrian Flyers 19.0, Barries Boys 16.5, Liberals A 9.5. Snooker Division 1: Rhoe Social B 2, Wyndham Cons A 3, Harbour B 4, Liberals 1; Penarth Cons B 1, Savoy B 4, Rhoe Social C 0, Penarth Cons A 5; Cadoxton Cons Z 1, West End C 4. League: Savoy B 26, West End C 24, Harbour B 22,

Penarth Cons A 22, Cadoxton Cons Z 19, Cadoxton Cons B 17, Wyndham Cons A 14, Rhoe Social B 13, Rhoe Social C 12, *Liberators 8, Penarth Cons B 8. Snooker Division 2: Sully Sports A 1, Services Social B 4; Market Street B 2, Market Street C 3; Cadoxton Cons A 2, Wyndham Cons D 3; West End A 2, Harbour A 3; West End B 2, Market Street A 3. League: Savoy C 25, Market Street A 24, Market Street C 21, Services Social B 21, Wyndham Cons D 20, West End A 19, Harbour A 17, West End B 14, Market Street B 12, Cadoxton Cons A 11, Sully Sports A 11.

Latest news from Barry Chess Club

A USUAL week for the Barry Chess Club with two matches in the East Glamorgan League.

At the start of the week there were three teams in division two who had won all of their matches, including the Barry Camelots and the Cardiff AJs; so when these teams met on Monday, at least one of the records would go.

Dave Parsons had a really good win as he had swapped his queen for a rook and a piece. There was also a win for Tom Cooke who, although two pawns down, managed to win a bishop and then a rook. Both of these victories were against players who were rated at least 100 points higher.

There was a solid draw for Matthew Davies and a nice draw for Ken Hannah on his return from a long illness. This gave the Camelots a 3 - 2 win.

Not so good for the Stauntons in division 4:

they picked up two points against the league leaders Cardiff Eagles with a default win and Jean Thomas took a good win over Paul Meara. The Stauntons are languishing near the bottom of the table but that is understandable given the experience and ratings of the players available.

We also would like to give Ken a big thanks as it was his return match. Steve's loss was a bit of a shock and Matthew had a solid draw. I was two pawns down but managed to get a nice move in to win a bishop and then a rook.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30pm most Mondays at the West End Club, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards. For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

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Barry and District Men's Skittles

THE Barry and District Men's Skittles League latest results are as follows:

Division 1: Geest 268 (L Western 28), Billy Whizz 274 (C Alldred 33); Bunker Boys 262 (K Jaynes 29), Merrymen 285 (A Pearce 28); Posties 282 (T Gray 29), Park Lads 258 (S Jones 27); Sea View 330 (R Perry, G Evans, B Watkins 31), 49ers 342 (B Hopkins, G Yarr 37); Willie Wombles 305 (J Parsons, J Kemp, P Taylor 29), Cavaliers 290 (B Stephenson 29); British Rail 259 (R Butt 27), Blue Monkey 257 (C Holland 29).

Points: 49ers 14 25.0, Merrymen 12 21.5, Billy Whizz 10 20.5, Willie Wombles 10 16.0, Blue Monkey 8 25.5, Cavaliers 8 17.0, Bunker Boys 4 17.5, British Rail 4 12.0, Park Lads 4 11.5, Sea View 4 9.5, Posties 2 17.0, Geest 2 12.0.

Division 2: Mighty Dockers 250 (D Morgan, K Enticott 27), Cannon Balls 245 (T Price Snr 27); H Bells 292 (T Cole 29), Park Rangers 271 (P Murphy, S Dite 27); Colcot Boys 265 (K Thomas 30), Exiles 245 (J Jenkins 24); KP Rejects 350 (A Eden, T Dawe, D Stringer 34), Hairy Lemons 336

(G Russell 38); Witchill Poachers 367 (M Copp 35), Barry Park B 338 (P Tanner 34).

Points: Mighty Dockers 12 19.5, Cannon Balls 10 24.0, Colcot Boys 10 21.5, Tynny Lads 10 17.0, H Bells 8 20.5, KP Rejects 8 16.0, Park Rangers 5 18.5, Witchill Poachers 4 15.0, Hairy Lemons 4 13.5, Barry Park B 4 13.0, Castle Boys 3 11.0, Exiles 2 10.5.

Division 3: BP Breakaways 249 (R Bowman 25), Witchill Nomads 249 (K Dobson 27); Cocoa Nuts 280 (M James 30), Billy Flyers 272 (M Knott, L Crump 26); Royalists 285 (M Dee, M Roberts 28), CUD 260 (C Perkins, R Miller 27); Billy Bluebirds 258 (A Dyer 27), Abercete 251 (D Arnold 26).

Points: Billy Bluebirds 10 13.0, Alternatives 8 18.0, Royalists 8 16.0, Ex Servicemen 8 15.5, BP Breakaways 6 16.5, Cocoa Nuts 6 14.5, Billy Flyers 6 14.0, CUD 3 12.0, Witchill Nomads 1 8.0 Abercete 0 12.5.

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Tondu Youth knock Pontarddulais off top of the league table



Harri Hobbs breaks free for Tondu.



Morgan Boobyer makes a break for Tondu.

TONDU Youth made a shaky start, going 10-0 down to top-of-the-table Pontarddulais.

Morgan Williams got the Wheelers back into the game after a quick tap to score in the corner. The try was unconverted. Pontarddulais were determined to stay in front and bagged

themselves another three points, stretching their lead to 13-5.

Morgan Williams scored again after Tondu were camped on the Pontarddulais try line, spotting a gap and sniping his way over. The try was converted by Jacob Thomas and it was 12-13 to Pontarddulais.

Half time came and Tondu went ahead when

Ioan Billingham scored over in the corner. This was not converted and it was 24-13.

Pontarddulais' defensive line, converted by Jacob Thomas to make it 19-13. Tondu refused to let Pontarddulais score again in the second half and kept their defence impenetrable. Winger Bobby Bromley was

next to score as he beat two defenders to get

Young Ifan Hunnam scored the final try of the match as the space

opened up out wide and he was able to get over the line. Final score 31-13.

Report by Joe Allen.

Photographs by

James Kaye.

A busy presentation night at Cadoxton Bowls Club

THE presentation of annual trophies for Cadoxton Bowls Club was held at the club pavilion after a superb buffet provided by the lady members, which was much appreciated.

Due to the decisions made by the council in respect of the upkeep of the greens, this could have been the last event at the club. However, the members have decided to carry on and look after the green themselves, so: it became the start of a new venture instead.

In the ladies' trophies Chris Hope had success in four of the singles events: the Championship, Gladys & Cliff Trophy; Lil's Trophy; and Katy's Cup, then the Pairs with partner Bron Powditch, with Jean Tuck and Mary Dare finalists.

The Handicap was won by Jean Tuck against Chris Hope, and in the Novices, Theresa Clarke won against Mary Dare. The men's finals were held over two days in early September with some closely-fought battles, while others were more one-sided. The Championship was a close affair between Jim Stacey and Steve Clarke. The scores were level going into the final end, after an umpire's decision was needed to decide the shot on the penultimate

end. The outcome was a win for Jim 21 – 20. They were partners in the pairs, against Eric Palmer and Ian Heppenstall and took a 15-6 lead. However, a strong comeback almost cost them after five losing ends, to end just two up at 16-14.

The Two Bowl was held between Ian Heppenstall and Will Craven. Ian took an early advantage but this was overcome, for Will to lead by two shots with three ends left, in which he was successful, to win 14 – 7. Will Craven had an easier route in the Handicap with a 21 – 7 success against Dave Sluman. Jim Stacey appeared again with John Papoutsou and Kelvin Chedgoy to win the Triples event against Emyln Davies, W Craven and Howard Craven by a score of 20 – 13. Emyln Davies made up for the defeat with a win against Steve Clarke in the Jack Hartman Trophy, for over 60's, with a 22 – 16 margin and finally, Johnny Pap received the Novices Trophy with a walkover as the opposition was not available. The Captain's Cup was presented to Dai Tuck, and the Personality Trophy selected by the members went to Kelvin Chedgoy.

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Llantwit young footballers show red card to racism



Young Llantwit Major footballers do the right thing.

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month of action for football clubs across

Wales to show their support for the

'Show Racism The Red Card' campaign.

With the recent events in the international game highlighting the issue there was no better time to

Although a number of games were cancelled due to waterlogged pitches, teams throughout Llantwit Major JFC took part, encouraging their visiting opponents to join them.

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Bridgend Athletic Generals 65 Pyle RFC 7 – Friendly

THE Athletic Generals arrived at Newbridge Fields looking to bounce back with a win, after last week's defeat at Dunvant.

They did so in style running in 11 tries with an emphatic 65-7 victory over neighbours Pyle Pigs. The full squad looked extremely focused through the warm up and brought this positivity into the opening 15 minutes, with tries from Lewis Dando, Josh Seldon and captain Scott Jones, followed with a successful conversion from Liam Phillips.

Pyle reorganised their defence and were disrupting the Athletic as they tried to attack. The visitors were rewarded for their efforts with a try on the half hour mark, which was converted by the outside half. The end of the half saw the Athletic respond to the leadership of Scott Jones and regain control of the game and were rewarded with a try, courtesy of scrum half Nicholas Jones.

The focus of the half time break for the Athletic, was discipline and the need to carry out the basics: soon after the break they started to spread the ball between the forwards and backs, with Josh Seldon, Aaron Mordecai and youth flanker Jack Obbard creating space, which gave the backs many opportunities to score.

After some questionable handling errors, the

Athletic scored the first points of the second half with a try from youth winger George Tellem and the expansive rugby continued with the Athletic enjoying a high percentage of possession. This was rewarded with a string of tries from hooker Mathew Greenman, centres Ryan Pickford and Rory Thomas which Pickford also converted.

There was no let up in the dominant Athletic attack and within minutes of Thomas's try another followed for outstanding flanker Josh Seldon, whose commitment to the game was second to none. The Athletic were in cruise control at this point and Nicholas Jones picked up a loose ball and ran from one touchline to the other to score what was eventually a 50m try in the corner.

With two minutes to go, the Athletic did not want to ease off the gas and just before the final whistle winger came, outside half Cameron Lewis found himself in space and galloped in for the Athletics' final try, which Pickford also converted.

Man of the match was shared this weekend between Aaron Mordecai and Josh Seldon. A great result for the Athletic Generals and confidence booster ahead of this week's WRU Conference Central league game with Tondu at Pandy Park.

Selby's title chase is back on track after points win over former champ

ON October 26 in the 02 Arena in London, Barry's former IBF world boxing champion Lee Selby fought Ricky Burns, an ex-world champion, and Selby's win could put him back on the title trail.

Lee edged a majority decision victory over Burns in an action-packed fight that was an

evenly matched battle. The fight was only Selby's second fight at lightweight, having recently freed himself from the rigours of making the featherweight limit. Both men had a lot on the line, with it looking like the end of the road for the loser.

Selby's crisp, sharp punches and skilful defence were enough to secure the decision despite Burn's high work rate. Both boxers had

shown respect for each other's achievements on the run up to this fight, but the fight was not without controversy. At the end of the fifth round, Burns angrily gestured to the referee before punching Selby after the bell, a move that sparked a furious reaction from Selby and his corner. Indeed, both fighters were brought together three times in the middle rounds for a stern 'talking to' by

referee Bob Williams. Both boxers showed their boxing ability, with Burns determined for a win after losing two of his last five fights. Selby had been badly cut above the eye in both of his previous contests, including his 2018 title loss to Josh Warrington in Leeds.

The judges scored 115-115, 116-112, 116-113 to Selby.

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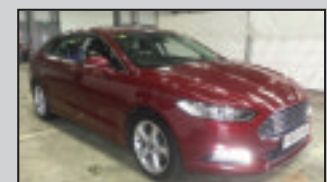
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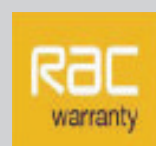
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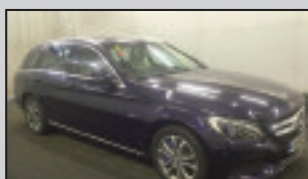
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17 67 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 4dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, xenons, 6k, choice. £21995

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Phoenix beat Whitland in a game marked by yellow cards and injuries



For Pencoe Phoenix, lady of the match was Rhiannon Thomas. (Photograph by Julie Hancock).

PENCOED Phoenix and Whitland Ladies battled it out in a game where Phoenix players left the field due to yellow cards, and Whitland players departed due to injuries.

Early Phoenix scrum dominance created several chances, with Amy Stevens and Emily Hughes going close before Stevens capitalised on another dominant scrum to score half-way out.

Despite being in the ascendancy at forward with the front row of Eleri Harris-Thomas, hooker Jordanne Pulvirenti, and Lowri O'Raw clearly on top, Phoenix were unable to turn their pressure into more points.

There followed a period of indiscipline from the home side, picking up a yellow card and no sooner had Phoenix returned to 15 players, than they picked up another yellow for technical offences.

Following a lengthy first half of some 60 minutes plus, Phoenix

only led by 5-0, despite being territorially on top for most of the half.

A lot of home changes saw the visitors winning far more possession early in the second half and sustained pressure in the Phoenix 22 had its reward with a try at the posts, outside half Rosie Davies cleverly kicking through to win the race for the touchdown before adding the conversion.

A third yellow card did not help the Phoenix cause, but with the Whitland ranks now depleted in numbers through injury, Phoenix returned to the attack and Stevens weaved her way over in the corner for her second try and a 10-7 lead.

A fourth home yellow card soon followed, but unfortunately for the Pembrokeshire side their injury woes continued and they were reduced to 12 players. Despite their gutsy defiance, Phoenix sealed matters in the final minute, outside half Leanne Burnell breaking some 70 metres out to race away and score at the posts, chased all the way by the visitors' last line of defence. Burnell

gathered herself to add the conversion for a hard earned win of 17-7.

For Phoenix, full back Linzi Morgan was chosen as best back with second row Rhiannon Thomas chosen as best forward. There were a couple of 'firsts' surrounding this match with twins Linzi and Nicole Morgan the first set of twins to represent Phoenix at senior ladies level, and this was the first Phoenix win over Whitland at this level.

Phoenix also entertained Whitland at both under-15 and under-18 level, the under-18s going down narrowly by 30-29 while, despite a good all-round team performance from the newly-formed under-15s (who would welcome any new players to boost their squad number), they went down 29-43.

For the under-15s, speedster Emily Lockyer led the try scorers with a try hat-trick, with skipper Hannah Marshall and Megan Lewis also getting tries. No 8 Lewis prominent in this team effort.

Match report TR

ON AND OFF THE TURF WITH BRIAN LEE Vale trainer Evan's two winners on successive days

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams chalked-up another winner when his eight-year-old Sutter's Mill, partnered by Mitchell Bastyan, won the three miles and two furlongs handicap chase at Fontwell Park on October 23.

An 8-1 chance in a field of just five runners, Sutter's Mill won by three parts of a length from the favourite Love The Leader ridden by Luca Morgan.

The following day, there was another winner for Evan. Over the years, Ludlow Racecourse has been a happy hunting ground for him and he saddled the winner of the opening Racing To School Novices' Hurdle with his four-year-old Ballinsker, a 4-1 chance which, under stable

jockey Adam Wedge, won by six lengths from the Oliver Greenhall-trained Evander.

However, Ballinsker wasn't the only Welsh-trained horse to win that day at Ludlow as Legends Gold, trained by Pembrokeshire's Rebecca Curtis, made it three wins in a row when winning the TBA Mares Novices Hurdle and Chepstow's Grace Harris took the Handicap Hurdle with Karakoram, which was partnered by Carmarthen's Ben Jones.

WHEN EVAN'S TRAINING TIPS PAID OFF

In my book, *Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* (published by St David's Press) and under the heading, 'Evan's Training Tips Paid Off' I told the following story: Small-time one horse permit holders

like Llanccarfarn's Jane Mathais are the backbone of National Hunt racing and it is always pleasing when they saddle a winner or two. Even more so when they manage to back their horse and retrieve some of their training costs.

This was the case when in August 2008 Jane, a former point-to-point rider and a qualified accountant who worked in Cardiff, took a day off to see her 11-year-old Lesdream run in a claiming hurdle race at Stratford.

Lesdream, which had finished third in its previous race after a 12-month lay off, had been bought out of National Hunt trainer Jimmy Frost's yard. But now trained by an unknown permit holder, who had never saddled a winner under Rules, the bookmakers gave it little chance and odds of 20-1 were

at first freely available.

Jane and friends who had accompanied her 'went to town' backing the horse until the odds tumbled to 8-1. The going was on the heavy side but Lesdream was something of a mud lover and the little horse romped home a seven lengths winner. What the bookmakers didn't realise was that Jane was a neighbour of leading Welsh trainer Evan Williams who had been giving her some advice. "Lesdream was such a straightforward and happy horse. He owes us nothing and now lives out his days in happy retirement," said Jane.

There are more racing stories from the Vale in my book, available from Ashley Drake Publishing Ltd, PO Box 733, Cardiff, CF14 7ZY or see www.st-davids-press.wales.

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Barry and district Ladies' Skittles League

THE latest results from the Barry and District Ladies' Skittles League for October 21 are as follows:

Division 1: Cigar Ladies 269 (J Francis 30), Space Finders 261 (D Carter 28); Bakers Dozen 282 (M Lewis 32), Family and Friends 272 (S Willimore 27); Allsorts 257 (R Dawe 26), Sea View Gals 273 (S Phillips and V Pycroft 28); Special Angels 233 (L Mountford 28), Coppers 247 (J Ward 27); La Bells 288 (A Chick 37), Cadoxton Con Fillies 328 (C Harris 33).

Division 2: Breakaways 252 (J Swayne 26), Clickies 228 (K Marcus 28); Colcot Ladies 243 (H Edwards 29), Etcetera 224 (J Baker 26); Rugby Triers 216 (J Gough 22), Family Affair 263 (J Davies 26); Red Admiral 214 (G Williams 25), Bobby's Girls 208 (A Seldon 24).

Division 3: Hillbillies 310 (G Moorcroft 34), Airways Angels 295 (E Jones 34); Livin-on-a-Spare 337 (A Finn), Off-the-Rails 301 (J Simms 31); Little Devils 216 (S Harhry 24), Vixens 271 (M Marks 30); Sea View Ladies 235 (N Batt 25), Witchill Widows 226 (S Johnson 25); Bandits 241 (J Douglas 27), Liberals 219 (A Boyd and A Holloway 25); Dolly Mixtures 194 (L Marsh and T Roswell 23); Boozy Birds 207 (S Rudeforth, H Marshall and K Pritchard 22).

Division 4: Merry Makers 188 (G Hawker 25), Twilights 157 (S Davies 26); Witches 242 (L Carey 27), Bimbos 232 (J Allen 26); Westend Rollers 215 (L Dyer 26), Drifters 235 (E Simmons 28); Rebels 221 (L Saunders 23), Optimists 195 (J Holland 24).

The next secretaries' meeting will take place on November 4 at 8pm in Cadoxton Conservative Club.

Villagers put on best show so far

THE 'Villagers' of Dinas Powys RFC registered their first league win of the season, scoring four well-worked tries and for a bonus point win over Mountain Ash.

This was a deserved victory gained by a much improved defensive display that would have pleased coaches Andrew Roberts and Adam Williams. The Villagers remain a potent attacking force and the more resolute defensive display will hopefully be first of many. Instrumental in this were flankers Finn Davies and the abrasive Corey Imperatto.

Dinas opened the scoring after 20 minutes when fine interplay between Imperatto and Davies saw the latter cross for a try that was converted by outside half Callum Bricknell. The first half produced no further scoring and the visitors would have been happy to only trail by seven points at the interval.

The Villagers scored their second try within a minute of the restart. Finn Davies turned the ball over at the breakdown following a strong tackle by Imperatto, scrum half Sam Middlemire put in an astute chip over the defence and left wing Jim Wiltshire showed his blistering pace to gather the ball and score under the posts. The conversion by Bricknell made it 14-0.

Almost immediately the home side scored their third try following thrilling interplay amongst the three-quarters, a great pick up by Bricknell following a hack downfield by Mountain Ash allowed the outside half to float a pass to Wiltshire, who raced fully 40 metres before offloading to centre Rhys Evans, who crossed for a try that was converted by Bricknell. The resolute Mountain Ash defence meant that it took a further 20 minutes before the home side secured their bonus point try. A fine cross kick by Bricknell saw the ball gathered by Finn Davies, who passed to Imperatto who drew the final defender before passing to Davies, who crossed in the right corner for his second try.

Ten minutes later, the visitors concluded the scoring as their bulky centre Alex Hughes crossed for a try that was converted by outside half Liam Jones. This was a much improved display by the home side. The influence of experienced prop James Greenfield deserves mention as he and hooker Josh Dunleavy provided the steel that secured the possession for the three-quarters to show their talent. The league fixtures continue with a visit to St Peters on November 9, which will undoubtedly provide a stiff test for this resurgent Dinas Powys side.

HJ

Elizabeth is the county's top gun!

ON October 13, Elizabeth Walton-James represented Glamorgan in a clay pigeon shooting competition in mid Wales.

There were 111 competitors and as Elizabeth only started shooting a discipline called 'DTL'

or 'Down The Line' in April this year, she did not expect to win anything and was happy to go for the experience.

The event consisted of squads from each county across Wales shooting 25 clay targets from four different shooting stands, with a

total of 100 shots throughout the year.

Elizabeth shot 95/100; her best score to date, and she won the Ladies Glamorgan High Gun.

She shared the ladies' team trophy for Glamorgan and won the overall Ladies' Championship.

Vale of Glamorgan Pool League

THE Whitchill Wildcats still lead the table after an 8-4 win away at Coconuts.

It was a game won by the team taking their chances, with Ceri Morris starting with four from four. Billy Whizz are now in second place, five points behind, after defeating the King William 10-2, with a four from four for Chris Bardsley and a three from three from John Farrugia.

They also beat Finnegan 8-4 away, in a rearranged game, with John Farrugia recording a four from four. Third place in the table now belongs to the Baruc-Cue-Das who had a 9-3 away victory against the Castle Dark Lords, with a four from four for Ian Roberts, and three from

three for Martin Pring and Lawrence Klee.

Unable to win at home, the Vale Wanderers maintained their 100% away record with a 7-5 victory against the Rhose Social Pocket Dynamos.

Highest winners of the week were the Libs Rejects, who won 11-1 away at the Glenbrook Titans, with four from four for both James Bastow and Mike Williams.

In the remaining game, Finnegan recorded their first win of the season with a 7-5 home victory against Rhose Pot Jacks. Harry Asprou had four from four.

JB

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The Gods of sport deny Alun Wyn Jones his 'Hollywood ending'. Match report by Philip Irwin

IF there is one lesson that sport hands out on a regular basis, it is: "Don't get ahead of yourself".

I started preparing my opening paragraphs with 15 minutes still on the clock, because what had just happened was so significant.

In Wales, we take Alun Wyn Jones' on-field ability and leadership qualities for granted, but at that moment he had clearly produced a psychological masterstroke that would be talked about for decades and more.

There are times in sport when we all recognise these crucial moments. In boxing, for instance, it often comes when the challenger lands his best punch and the champion looks him in the eye, saying "Is that all you've got?"

At that point we know the winner.

Or consider a European Ryder Cup win. At some point one of the star US players (quite often Phil Mickelson) will dump a tee shot at a par three into a lake - and we all know who is going to take the trophy home.

There was such a moment in this game.

We all knew what South Africa were going to bring to this game. A huge physical presence and forwards who will charge again and again at the opposition.

Then, at around the 50-minute mark, coach Rassie Erasmus brings on a whole new front five - just as big - and the fresh-legged juggernauts pile on the pressure.

Japan had wonderful spirit. Indomitable seemed the word, but the Springboks broke them.

So consider what happened between the 60th and 65th minute. Wales were trailing 16-9,

and had lost two players, Tomos Francis and George North, to injury just before half time.

Rhys Patchell had replaced Dan Biggar and his first act was to take a penalty on the half-way line and find touch just seven metres out.

Wales won the line out and set up a line out drive, which was held, but then Alun Wyn Jones called for one forward drive after another. It wasn't pretty, and not much ground was gained but the message to the Boks was clear: "We've taken your best shots and we're still here".

The phases mounted up and, just after the 20th, Wales were awarded a penalty. Patchell chipped into the corner but South Africa cleared and it was time to come back and take the penalty under the posts.

After all, the Springboks had been having just the better of the scrums. But no! Alun Wyn called for a scrum and Tomos Williams passed to Jonathan Davies and Josh Adams was in at the corner! For Leigh Halfpenny, it was his first place kick (Biggar had kicked 3 out of 3) and he split the posts to bring the scores level.

The Hollywood script called for the Springboks to weaken in the face of this Welsh defiance, and for Alun Wyn to become even more of a hero than he already is. It didn't happen.

Sometimes the sporting gods don't see the romantic side. Up until that point the game had been, in Warren Gatland's words, "a bit of an arm wrestle" and the Springboks rolled up their sleeves and went back to work.

High kicks were exchanged, some good, some poor. Some were

caught, some weren't and neither side wanted to take a big risk. A penalty took Wales into the 22, and they had their eye on a drop goal, but Patchell was forced to stand a long way back and his effort went astray.

A penalty to South Africa took the play to the Welsh 22, where their pack won the line out and set up a drive - winning a penalty 30 metres out.

The match had been pretty untidy, but not from the kicking tee. Wales had kicked 4 out of 4 (Biggar 3, Halfpenny one) and Handre Pollard had kicked 4 out of 4 too.

The outside half never looked like missing, and that was that. South Africa had most of the territory for the remainder of the match, and on only one occasion did Wales get into the Springbok 22. Sadly, the ball was knocked on, and at the resultant scrum, Wales were penalised.

Pollard kicked that penalty into the Welsh 22, where South Africa were awarded another penalty.

Pollard took no chances. As the clock entered the red zone, he passed up the chance of another three points and tapped the ball over the sidelines.

A brave Welsh effort had been thwarted but there was little to complain about. The first 65 minutes? Well in truth it was a match that only England's coaches will want to watch, as they prepare for the final.

The previous day, after 25 minutes of non-stop action between England and the All Blacks, the only word suitable was "immense". For Wales v South Africa, the word was "messy".

That's not to decry the effort, for both sides' application was intense.

Perhaps it was inevitable. Both sides were successful in slowing up the ball, and the two scrum halves, Gareth Davies and Faf de Klerk, had little option but to kick, considering how quickly the defences were up.

The inclusion of Jonathan Davies at outside centre gave Wales some cutting edge. It was hard to see how fit he was, but his timing of a pass gave Wales hope of a score.

For South Africa, most of their threats came from the live-wire de Klerk. It's hard to know what instructions Erasmus gives him, other than "Do whatever comes into your head".

Early on he made a sharp break and kicked ahead, catching everyone by surprise, and he showed enough pace to ankle tap George North before he could clear the ball.

As the half progressed, Biggar and Pollard exchanged penalties, and it wasn't until the 27th minute that the Springboks launched a handling attack. This was a good one, though, as forwards and backs inter-passed and it took a crunching tackle by Josh Adams on de Klerk to stop the scrum half scampering over.

It got worse for Wales when a restart was caught by No 8 Vermeulen near his own line. He had time to get to full speed before the Welsh chase arrived, and Tomos Francis drew the short straw.

In the commentary box, summarisers Shane Williams and David Flatman pronounced his tournament over within 30 seconds, guessing at a dislocated shoulder.

Even worse, two minutes later, Wales were awarded a penalty and Biggar decided to use

the penalty advantage to kick high to the corner for George North. His hamstring seemed to go as he chased the ball and, although he tried to run it off, it took only 60 seconds before he realised that the damage was too severe.

Biggar kicked that penalty and Wales trailed 9-6 at the break, although there was still time for the electric de Klerk to scare Wales again, very nearly charging down Gareth Davies' sideways tap in to touch to end the half.

There was more of the same in the second half. If anything the pressure was more intense and the game more untidy. Hadleigh Parkes had two kicks charged down within 30 seconds, and there were turnovers and fumbles aplenty.

Biggar made it 9-9 but, soon after the Springboks sent on their massed reinforcements, they scored their try. It was a threatening attack, but Wales seemed to have it covered until the huge centre, Damien de Allende, shrugged off Dan Biggar, and ploughed 15 metres to the line with would-be tacklers unable to stop him.

Pollard's conversion made it 16-9, and soon after we had the passage of play, ending with Adams' try that - from the Welsh point of view - should have yielded that Hollywood ending.

It was a magnificent effort by Wales. One gets the feeling that a number of players were carrying injuries and more details may emerge in the coming days. There's no need for excuses. Wales have shown they belong at the top table and we can all look forward to the post-Gatland era.

Barry back on top after hard-fought win over Airbus



Kayne McLaggan's penalty proved a key moment on Saturday.

BARRY Town hit the north this weekend on top of the JD Cymru Premier, after Gavin Chesterfield's squad earned a hard-fought 2-0 victory over Airbus UK Broughton to return to the summit.

Goals from hometown heroes Kayne McLaggan and Drew Fahiya proved the difference between the teams, though little could separate them for much of the 90 minutes on a cold afternoon.

In a keenly-contested first half at Jenner Park, both Mo Touray and Keyon Refrell threatened the Airbus UK goal, before Sion Spence struck the base of the post with a drive from outside the box.

However, buoyed by victory over Newtown the previous weekend, Steve O' Shaughnessy's visitors almost led after 45 minutes, with Andy Owens heading wide, after getting in front of Luke Cooper.

Into the second period, former Football League forward Owens used his head once again, this time forcing Barry's Wales under-21 goalkeeper George Ratcliffe into a dynamic, one-handed reaction save.

It proved to be a vital contribution, as referee Cheryl Forster awarded Barry a penalty kick on the hour mark for a clear trip on their leading goalscorer, the ever-intrepid Kayne McLaggan.

Stepping up to convert with confidence, McLaggan took his personal tally to seven for the season, three behind the league's Golden Boot frontrunners, Greg Draper (TNS) and Chris Venables (Bala).

With the deadlock now broken, one sensed that McLaggan's spot

kick could prove to be decisive, yet Airbus went on to cause havoc with a deep free-kick, before hitting the crossbar with 15 minutes to play.

Nevertheless, in stoppage time, the match was sealed, thanks in no small part to former Portsmouth winger Jack Compton, who made an impact as a late substitute for McLaggan.

Dogged by injury earlier in the season, Compton looked to retain possession as the final seconds ran down, but then rejected a second run to the corner flag and was duly rewarded for taking a chance.

Floating a dangerous ball to the back post, Compton's delivery flew over the competing forces of Touray and goalkeeper Lewis Hall, allowing Drew Fahiya to tap home from two yards.

Now with eight victories and three draws from their 13 Cymru League fixtures to date, Barry can look forward to Saturday's clash with fourth-placed Caernarfon Town at The Oval, a game expected to attract one of the biggest crowds in Wales' national league all season.

The Canaries are unbeaten at home, winning each of their last three by a single goal, including an eye-opening win over reigning champions The New Saints in the first week of October. Barry have lost on two of their last three visits to The Oval.

Off the field, at Jenner Park on Saturday night, the Jenner Suite hosted a special charity event, organised by the Town's stable-topping first team players.

After eight races, a raffle and sports auction, a total approaching £3,000 was raised to be shared between the club's long-affiliated charity partner, Edgar's Gift and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Report by Ashley Cox

On a day of postponements, Barry RFC play on for a home win

ON a day when few games were played, Barry RFC entertained Cardiff opposition St Josephs in a League fixture and, despite the conditions, came out worthy winners by 13-8.

Playing up the slope Barry started brightly and were soon rewarded for their efforts as Kyle Barross slotted over an early penalty.

Difficult handling conditions were making for errors and St Joe's took advantage of a home knock on to break from the scrum at pace, where quick hands saw the defence breached for the opening try which went unconverted but gave the visitors a 5-3 lead.

The heavier visitors' eight was causing Barry problems at the scrum, not helped by the underfoot conditions, but good work from the back row was still providing them with enough possession to attack when the opportunity arose.

Despite finding themselves in the visitors' 22 for some minutes, Barry were unable to break the quick up defence and a long clearance put St Joe's back into Barry territory from where they attacked.

Again the Barry defence held firm, turning the ball over only to concede

a penalty, giving the visitors a simple kick at goal to increase the lead to 8-3.

Barry remained competitive and harassed the visitors into errors where they were unlucky not to score after a foot race to the line saw the ball held up on the wet surface when a try looked certain.

Despite one lapse, Barry maintained the pressure and earned a penalty at the lineout. Winning the ball saw Barry drive for the line and as the move was halted, a clever sleight of hand pass from Alyn Evans gave Danny Ryan the try wide out and with a fine conversion by Kyle Barross, Barry went into half time with a two point lead at 10-8.

With the elements now in their favour, the game was Barry's to win assuming they played the right tactics and for the first 20 minutes they did just that, keeping the visitors pinned down, and whilst their only reward was a penalty from Kyle Barross, they insured that the visitors would have to score from deep to get back in the game.

For some inexplicable reason, Barry changed tactics and began using tentative chips ahead which did nothing but give the visitors attacking opportunities which they had been starved of for all of the second half. This tactic saw Barry under pressure and only desperate defence and the conditions got them off the hook. It could have cost them dearly.

Happily, they saw the light and reverted to what had been successful as the game entered its final minutes and whilst St Joe's made speculative moves to attack, Barry held them in a vice, pinned down as the Barry eight were now on top and the visitors had no answer.

Barry failed with a further couple of penalty attempts but saw the game out for a fine win.

That's three wins from five for Barry - a start perhaps they didn't expect, but one they have earned as they have shown huge commitment and a team spirit which is obvious to see.

In the coming weeks, Barry face the top three sides in the league, Treorchy, Rhydfelin and Rumney. There are no league fixtures this weekend due to the World Cup Final, but the club's exciting Youth team are in action at the Reservoir Field where they face Llandaff, kick off at 2.30pm.

The club lottery rolls over to £5,550 this week after last week's numbers, 03 - 07 - 08 and 24, failed to find a winner. Four tickets matched three numbers to claim a £10 prize. The First XV's next fixture is away at Treorchy on November 9, with a coach leaving the Club at 12.30pm.

AJ

I WOULD like to start my column by thanking everyone who has so far shared their views as part of the Council's budget consultation.

Hundreds of people have already had their say by responding to our online survey or by attending one of our library drop-in sessions.

It is really important that we hear from as many people as possible when setting the budget for next year, so if you haven't yet had a chance, I would urge you to respond online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/budget

Those who read my Q&A in The GEM earlier this month will know that schools and education account for around half of the council's spending. As a result of this investment and the fantastic staff that work in them, our schools have an excellent reputation for achievement.

This is something that the council is rightly proud of, and there have been three major developments this month which confirms that we are determined to invest in our schools that continue to go from strength to strength, as can be seen by the recent exam results.

October has seen not one, but two, turf cutting ceremonies for new schools in the Vale of Glamorgan.

At the start of the month, I visited Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry to celebrate the beginning of construction on a new design and

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Vale of Glamorgan Council leader, Councillor Neil Moore talks schools in his monthly column for The GEM



technology block, a sports and IT block, and sports facilities including an all-weather 3G pitch. Last week, the construction started on the new Whitmore High School. When the projects are completed in 2022, pupils will be taught in schools with state-of-the-art facilities, including drama and activity studios, indoor and outdoor sporting facilities, a specialist suite for students with additional learning needs and more than 70 general classrooms.

Both of these are being built as part of the council's 21st Century Schools programme. We have already seen the impact that investing in similar facilities in Cowbridge, Penarth and Llantwit Major has had and they are a reminder of why it is so important that we continue to prioritise the future of the young people in the Vale.

That is exactly what we are seeking to do with our plans for another two new schools in Cowbridge. The Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration, Cllr Lis

Burnett, last week announced proposals to meet the increasing demand for school places in the town by investing in two new primary school buildings.

If approved, after public consultation, this two-stage project would see an investment of £7 million to double the number of English-medium primary places, by building a new primary school next to Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

This would see one of the best schools in Wales, Cowbridge Comprehensive, become an all-through 3-19 school where pupils would automatically move from the primary to secondary education on the same site.

The second phase of the project would then see Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg move to a new building on a new site in Cowbridge.

These plans are clearly ambitious and as Leader of the Council I would have it no other way. Our challenge now is to bring these to fruition as quickly as possible and I can't wait!

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Our professionally qualified staff will help you structure the send off that your loved one deserves.

• Competitive pricing structure • Funeral plans available

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